

# SOUTH SOMERSET

for Crewkerne, Chard, Ilminster and Yeovil

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## Council introduces fines for those not paying correct tax

SOUTH Somerset District Council will hand out fines for anyone they find has not reported changes that could affect their council tax or housing benefits.

The district council recently approved the introduction of Council Tax Penalties and Civil Penalties in Housing Benefit for residents.

The penalties have been in place since April 1st, and the district council is warning residents to make sure their affairs are in order to avoid fines.

Not reporting a change that can affect any type of reduction in council tax will now result in a penalty of £70 being issued. A penalty of £50 will be issued if you do not report a change that affects your Housing Benefit entitlement.

To avoid a penalty, you must report your changes in circumstances within one month of the change happening to avoid a penalty.

The council is urging residents not to rely on someone else to pass on the information, not

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even the Job Centre, Pension Service or your landlord.

The council is giving anyone who has not already reported a past change affecting their entitlement the chance to do so up until May 1st this year, without a £70 or £50 penalty being issued.

A relevant change could be another adult moving in to a property, or an increase in household income. These are only examples and more information is available online at [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/policy](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/policy).

If you are unsure if you are still entitled to a council tax discount or housing benefit, call the 01935 462462 to check.

A spokesman for South Somerset District Council said: "Recipients of a council tax discount (e.g. single person discount) or exemption, council tax support and housing benefit have a legal duty to tell the council about a change in their circumstances that reduces the level of discount or benefit."

"Any reduction that a council tax payer continues to receive but is not entitled to is lost in-

come to South Somerset District Council, Somerset County Council, Avon and Somerset Police, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authorities and Parish Councils. This either means everyone pays more in council tax or there is less money for vital local services."

The council has a compliance programme which is successful in finding unreported changes but often they happened some time ago. This leads to a large backdated bill or invoice being issued which the individual then struggles to pay.

Council tax penalties will normally be added to the council tax account and a new bill issued. Housing benefit penalties will normally be collected from on-going benefit or through an invoice.

The council say that introducing penalties is designed to encourage the swift reporting of changes in circumstances which will benefit the individual as well as the wider tax payer.

To report a change visit [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-services](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-services) or call 01935 462462. You can also visit any district council office to report a change.

### YEOVIL NEWS THIS WEEK

A CLOSURE order had been granted for a property in Yeovil following repeated incidents of anti-social behaviour, drug offences, prolonged disorder and violence.

The three-month order means anyone in or entering 158 St Michael's Avenue can be arrested. The property is being boarded up and the occupant has been told to leave.

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### CHARD NEWS THIS WEEK

A TEAM from Oak Lodge Care Home in Chard recently took part in a charity sky dive to raise money for AgeUK.

A team of six staff members from the home had been scheduled to jump at the airfield at Dunkeswell four times previously, but bad weather meant they had to be cancelled. They finally jumped from 15,000 feet on Saturday, March 25th.

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### ILMINSTER NEWS THIS WEEK

PLANS to turn the former Ilminster Police Station into seven flats have been given permission by South Somerset District Council.

Ilminster Estates Ltd. has been given the go-ahead to convert the former police station at the Butts, Ilminster, along with a first floor extension to an existing storage building, to create the flats.

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### CREWKERNE NEWS THIS WEEK

SHELTERED seating has been provided outside Crewkerne Railway Station.

The Friends of Crewkerne Station surveyed members and there was a majority view that a seat and shelter at the front of the station would be most welcome. They involved South West Trains and Waitrose, which allocated £1,000 to the project after a customer vote.

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East Devon & South Somerset**

## Be prepared! Doctors' advice ahead of the Easter break

DOCTORS in Devon and Somerset are urging residents to consider their options over the coming Easter Weekend, as most surgeries will be closed over the holiday.

Most GP surgeries will be closed from Good Friday (April 14th) until Tuesday, April 18th.

But there is still a wide range of different NHS services available which provide fast and effective advice and treatment.

Dr Simon Kerr, a GP in Ottery St Mary and chairman of the Northern locality NHS NEW Devon CCG said: "Getting out and about and catching up with jobs in the house and garden over the Easter break are what lots of us enjoy.

"But accidents happen and it makes sense to plan ahead, so if we need treatment or advice when the GP surgery is closed, we know where to go.

"If it's a life-threatening emergency, dial 999 or go to A&E. But A&E is for the most serious cases, and we need the doctors there to be free to deal with those.

"Request your repeat prescription in plenty of time – Tuesday (today) is the final date to put your order in at most surgeries. And have a look through your medicine cabinet to make sure you have the basics to deal with minor ailments."

Dr Ed Ford, Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group's chairman, said: "Remember, you can help yourself and the NHS when you get the right treatment for your level of illness or injury.

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## Devon Tories go against own policy on schools' funding

DEVON Conservatives have launched a petition against their own Government, calling on them to properly fund the county's schools.

East Devon MP Hugo Swire has signed the petition and has been vocal in his opposition of cuts that are being proposed across schools in the area.

The petition reads: "Each pupil in Devon received £290 less than the national average. Conservatives in Devon believe this is not right."

"The current/recent Government consultation is flawed and does not improve the situation.

"We therefore call on Government to increase the funding for the young people of Devon.

"We would ask you to support our petition for increased funding for the young people of Devon."

The petition can be found at <http://bit.ly/2o9gEAG>

Schools across East Devon are set to see massive reductions in funding, after the Government launched their Fairer Funding Formula.

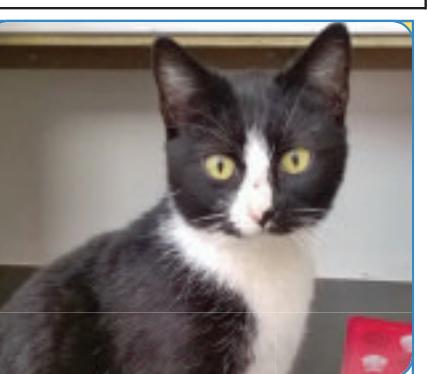
Honiton Community College Principal Glenn Smith described the cuts as "destroying our children's future," adding that the Government was "decimating our education system".

Schools from across East Devon have spoken out against the cuts, as a majority will be affected by the new Government initiative.



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## Arada launches new stoves that meet European Union 'Ecodesign' standards - five years ahead of schedule

STOVE manufacturer Arada has launched its new 'Ecodesign Ready' range - with a pledge to support plans to improve air quality in the UK.

MP Neil Parish visited the company's Axminster base last Friday (April 7th) to be part of the launch.

Ecodesign is an EU-wide programme to lower emissions, with the legislation due to

come into force in 2022.

Meeting these standards is crucial to continue selling to other EU countries after the UK has left the union; which it is anticipated it will have done by the time the legislation comes into force.

The new Farningdon range of stoves was launched last Friday, which represents this new era of low emissions stoves.

The range is described as "one of the cleanest burning stoves available on the UK market," and

will reach retailer showrooms this summer.

Arada Managing Director Mark Brettell commented: "It is great to have Neil's support for our industry and supporting initiatives such as the SIA Ecodesign ready scheme to help demonstrate to government how new cleaner burning stoves are a real contribution to

cleaner air in the UK.

"Wood burning stoves have gained enormous popularity and, at times, are unjustly being blamed for pollution and particulate emissions, especially in our cities.

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the art technology is at its very best.

"Consumers can be sure that investing in an Arada low emissions stove will be a key investment for the future - helping to reduce pollution and

continue to reduce CO levels, whilst purchasing an appliance truly built in Britain."

Mr Parish, who owns both an older and a newer wood-burning stove, said:

"You have done a really good job getting down the emissions."

"You get more heat out of the same amount of wood."

"It is amazing, the heat they now throw out."



ARADA MD Mark Brettell, MP Neil Parish and Arada sales director Jon Butterworth at the launch in Axminster last Friday

## Extra money for South West roads

DEVON and Somerset county councils will be able to bid for a share of £490 million of government funding to improve their roads.

The funding, which will be for schemes across England from 2018 to 2020, is designed to tackle congestion and provide upgrades to local roads to improve journey times.

Bids are encouraged for a wide variety of schemes which will cut congestion, including making use of technology and by opening up the data held by local councils.

The pot of money is from the National Productivity Investment Fund, which is providing £1.3 billion to enhance transport links to boost growth.

Transport Minister Andrew Jones said: "We are investing record amounts on our roads - spending more than £23 billion on providing better journeys for motorists."

"We are also committing a further £1.3 billion up to 2020 to cut congestion and provide important upgrades to ensure our roads are fit for the future."

"This money will allow councils to go even further to improve their roads and will be targeted at areas which need it most, providing a significant boost to the UK's economy."

Highways England is also spending £220 million on congestion relief schemes at identified traffic hotspots; this is providing £32 million for pinch point projects in the South West.

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## EDF Energy says good progress being made at Hinkley Point site

EDF Energy has given an update on the progress being made at the new Hinkley Point C nuclear power station in Somerset.

Six months after contracts were signed for Hinkley Point C (HPC), EDF Energy has set out the progress made at the site.

This includes confirmation that concrete has been poured for the power station galleries. The galleries are a network of connected tunnels which will carry cabling and pipes. They will be some of the first permanent structures on the site.

The concrete pour was described as a great achievement for the project team and followed the first consent for construction granted by the independent regulator, the Office for Nuclear Regulation.

EDF Energy is committed to delivering HPC to the highest standards of safety and quality while working continuously to learn and improve as the project moves forward.

Construction of the building for the first reactor at HPC is scheduled to start in 2019 when concrete will be poured for the first time to make the reactor platform.

EDF Energy has also released new images and video showing the scale of construction which now involves 1,600 workers on site every day (pictured above).

Three million tonnes of concrete and 230,000 tonnes of steel reinforcement will be used in construction, with 64 per cent of the contract values being spent in the UK. The steel reinforcement is being supplied by Express Reinforcements from South Wales.

Other progress includes:

- Start of construction of a 500m temporary jetty in the Bristol Channel allowing 80 per cent of the aggregate to be brought in by sea rather than by road. Two pile-driving machines are drilling holes in the bedrock and have so far installed 18 piles. The jetty is due for completion in 2018. Every shipload of materials will take the equivalent of 250 lorry-loads off the local roads.
- Construction of a store which can contain 57,000 tonnes of aggregate. Work will soon begin on the conveyor systems to carry the aggregate around the site.

● Excavation of three million cubic metres of soil and rock to prepare the ground for the power station buildings. Almost six million cubic metres will be excavated in total.

● Construction of the first two tower cranes. The larger of the two cranes is 40 metres high with a 60m jib and has a lifting capacity of 16 tonnes. More than 50 tower cranes will be on site once building work reaches its peak.

● Work to build 15 on-site accommodation buildings for more than 500 workers has begun. Manufacturing of the first of the 510 units is underway at Caledonian Modular in Newark, Nottinghamshire. The company has doubled its workforce to complete the order.

● Good progress is being made on the sea wall which will provide a barrier between the power station and the coastline. Construction teams will need to excavate 165,000m<sup>3</sup> of material in order to build it.

● A spray batching plant has been built to produce a finer quality of concrete which will be sprayed to secure slopes at the site.

Hinkley Point C project director, Philippe Bordarier said: "Pouring the concrete for the first permanent structure of HPC is a significant milestone."

"It is the outcome of many years of preparation and hard work from all our teams and supply chain across the UK and France. It demonstrates our ability to undertake the serious responsibility of nuclear power plant construction."

"Whilst we reflect on this great achievement we will continue to look for opportunities to improve, learn and teach others, embracing the values of the HPC project."



## View Family Announcements

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## Have your say on A358 improvements

SOMERSET residents are being urged to have their say on plans to upgrade the A358 between Ilminster and Taunton.

Highways England has announced the launch of a public consultation on proposals to improve the route from the Southfields roundabout to the M5 at Taunton.

A spokesperson for Somerset County Council said: "The A358 is one of our busiest A roads and is used by thousands of vehicles every day.

"These proposals to dual the road will be of huge interest to local people and we urge everyone to take part in the consultation and have your say before it ends.

"Somerset County Council will consider the proposals carefully and respond to the consultation to ensure that the scheme delivers the desired congestion, economic and safety benefits for Somerset and the South West."

Information about the scheme and feedback questionnaires (with Freepost envelopes) are available in Ilminster, Taunton, Martock and South Petherton libraries as well as the main reception at County Hall, Taunton.

For more information or to have your say online, visit <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a358-taunton-to-southfields/>

Separate consultations on improvements to the A303 have also been held recently.

### Easter waste collection changes

EVERY household in Somerset will have Easter waste day changes with pick-ups due on Good Friday (April 14th) taking place on Saturday, April 15th instead.

There will be no collections on Easter Monday (April 17th) meaning all that week's kerbside services are one day later, including Friday pick-ups taking place on Saturday, April 22nd.

All recycling sites remain on their usual schedules, with nine sites open on Good Friday and all 16 on Saturday, Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

### Quiz night for village carnival

THE annual Easter quiz night in aid of South Petherton Carnival will be held on Sunday, April 16th from 8.30pm.

It will cost just £2 per person to enter with a prize for the winning team.

The quiz will be taking place at the award-winning Brewers Arms pub in South Petherton with all money going towards the village's carnival.

### Dahlias on sale for St John's Church

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# Candidates announced for county council elections

THE candidates for the upcoming Somerset County Council election have been announced.

The public will go to the polls on May 4th. The deadline to register to vote is midnight on Thursday, April 13th.

Crewkerne town councillor Mike Best is standing for election in the Crewkerne division. Town and district councillor Amanda Broom is hoping to become county councillor for Chard North, while two town councillors, Jason Baker and mayor Dave Bulmer, face-off for Chard South.

The Ilminster race will see Don Kinder and

Ian Mackillop, who both sit on the town council, Carol Ann Goodall, who currently represents Ilminster on the district council, and current incumbent Linda Vijeh join Peter Lansdown to try to become the county representative.

Yeovil MP Marcus Fysh, who has been the representative of Coker on the county council since 2013 has decided to not run again this year.

Ian Clarke, Electoral Registration Officer for South Somerset District Council said: "Time is running out to make sure you can take part in the elections on Thursday, May 4th. These elections are an opportunity to have a say on who represents local people on issues that directly affect day-to-day life here in South Somerset. But if you're not registered by April 13th, you won't be able to vote."

Emma Hartley, head of campaigns at the Electoral Commission, added: "Our research shows that nearly a third of people think that if you are old enough to vote then you are automatically registered, but in fact everyone must register themselves. Registering to vote is easy to do online and means that you can take part in these important elections; so make sure you are registered to vote by the deadline."

Anyone not registered to vote at their current address can register online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

The candidates across South Somerset are:

**Crewkerne:** Marcus Barrett (Conservative), Mike Best (Liberal Democrats), Arthur Hamlin (UKIP) and Gary Swain (Labour).

**Coker:** Peter Byssouth (Green), Jane Carter-Uren (Labour), Mick Clark (Liberal Democrats)

and Mark Keating (Conservative).

**Chard North:** Amanda Broom (Liberal Democrats), Nigel Pearson (UKIP), John Schofield (Labour) and John Wale (Conservative).

**Chard South:** Jason Baker (Liberal Democrats), Dave Bulmer (Independent), Peter Heather (UKIP), Gemma Verdon (Conservative) and Melissa Whittaker-Mather (Labour).

**Ilminster:** Carol Goodall (Liberal Democrats),

Don Kinder (UKIP), Peter Lansdown (Green), Ian Mackillop (Labour) and Linda Vijeh (Conservative).

**South Petherton and Islemoor:** Anthony Clarke (UKIP), Adam Dance (Liberal Democrats), Christopher Le Hardy (Conservative) and Paul Sellers (Labour).

**Yeovil West:** Gail Freeman-Bell (Labour), Jane Lock (Liberal Democrats), John Lukey (Conservative) and Robert Wood (Green).

**Yeovil South:** Dave Greene (Independent), Faye Purbrick (Conservative), Andy Soughton (Liberal Democrats), Diane Wood (Green) and Christos Zaranis (Labour).

**Yeovil Central:** Alan Dimmick (UKIP), Alan Flint (Green), Andy Kendall (Liberal Democrat), Terry Lavin (Labour) and Nick Rousell

(Conservative).

**Yeovil East:** Godfrey Davey (UKIP), Terry Ledlie (Labour), Tony Lock (Liberal Democrats), Neil Mitchell (Independent) and Teresa Sienkiewicz (Conservative).

**Brympton:** Sam Crabb (Liberal Democrats), Kek Long (Green), Dan Marks (Labour), Anthony Power (UKIP) and Josh Williams (Conservative).

**Martock:** Neil Bloomfield (Conservative), Jonathan Davies (Liberal Democrats), Peter Ludbrook (Labour).

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# Closure order on Yeovil property following anti-social behaviour

A CLOSURE Order was granted for a property in Yeovil on Friday, March 31st following repeated incidents of anti-social behaviour, drug offences, prolonged disorder and violence.

Yeovil Magistrates' Court granted the order, which lasts for three months, on 158 St Michael's Avenue. The order means that anyone either in or entering the property during that time can be arrested.

The property, which is privately owned, and outbuildings will be boarded up immediately. The occupant/owner must leave and cannot return for three months.

Anti-social behaviour co-ordinator, Kate Rollinson, said: "The closure order is good news for the local community as this property has been a problem for several years."

"We have tried to work with owner/occupant but to no avail and his behaviour was having a hugely negative impact on surrounding neighbours and the wider community."

"We won't tolerate ongoing anti-social behaviour, violence and drug dealing. Nobody wants to live near that."

"I would like to thank our legal team from Police HQ, who have assisted in the application. It will make a huge difference to the local community and hopefully send out a strong message that we won't tolerate this kind of behaviour. We will take action against it."

"I would also like to thank the local community for working with us to help solve this problem."

If you are suffering from ongoing incidents of anti-social behaviour, visit the police website at [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) for advice and to download a diary, which can help police teams deal with the problem and can form part of the evidence for any action they take.

You can also report it via the website or by calling the 101 number.

## Former creamery to be converted into flats

PLANS to turn a former creamery building in Yeovil into 85 flats have been given the go-ahead by South Somerset District Council.

Acorn Development SW Ltd. has been awarded planning permission for the change of use, conversion and extension of an old creamery building to form 85 flats, provide parking and retain 14 existing flats at the site in Newton Road.

The site comprises the former Western Counties Creamery operated by Aplin and Barrett Ltd. where dairy products were manufactured under the St Ivel brand.

In 1960 the company was bought by the Unigate Group, which closed the Yeovil premises in 1976, transferring many of the staff to other branches, particularly Westbury in Wiltshire.

Part of the site was demolished to make way for the Ivel Court residential development of flats constructed in the early 1980s.

The remaining building – which was built in 1931-32 – has been used for various uses since the creamery ceased operations including a warehouse, gym, studio, hair and beauty salon, crèche and laser tag activity.

Back in 2001 permission was granted for 14 flats to be created on the third and fourth floors, while approval was given in 2006 for 83 flats, but was not implemented.

The latest application - which was granted permission by the council on Friday, March 31st - is to retain the existing ten one-bed and four two-bed flats and build 85 extra flats.

Eighty flats would be one-bed and five two-bed along with a five-storey building extension at the rear of the site and roof-top extensions.

There would also be 35 car parking spaces, 99 cycle spaces, 20 motorcycle spaces, one disabled space and one electric vehicle charging point.

## Yeovil Junction station employee picks up award for customer service

A YEOVIL Junction-based South West Trains employee, who produced his own puzzle books for customers and also played the role of Father Christmas, has won a customer service award.

Jonathan Crook (pictured) was named Customer Service Ambassador of the Year at the 'I Make the Difference Awards' on Friday, March 24th.

Jonathan and 18 other colleagues were honoured for their outstanding contributions to customer service at the awards ceremony.

Mr Crook only joined South West Trains a little more than six months ago but has earned rave reviews from colleagues and customers alike.

Throughout December he gave up his free time to dress as Father Christmas while handing out mulled wine and mince pies, as well as puzzle books and crayons for travelling children.

He has also created his own train tickets for younger children, which they can give to the guard on board the train – an idea which is now being copied at other nearby stations.

Mr Crook has also received glowing comments from customers, who praised his friendly nature and extra efforts to look after passengers, leading one customer to claim it was "the best customer service I have experienced with any train company!"

Awarding the prizes, Adam Piddington, director for customer service at South West Trains, said: "I am very proud of all of our winners. They have all demonstrated the meaning of making the difference by providing first class customer service which, in a business like ours, is vital."



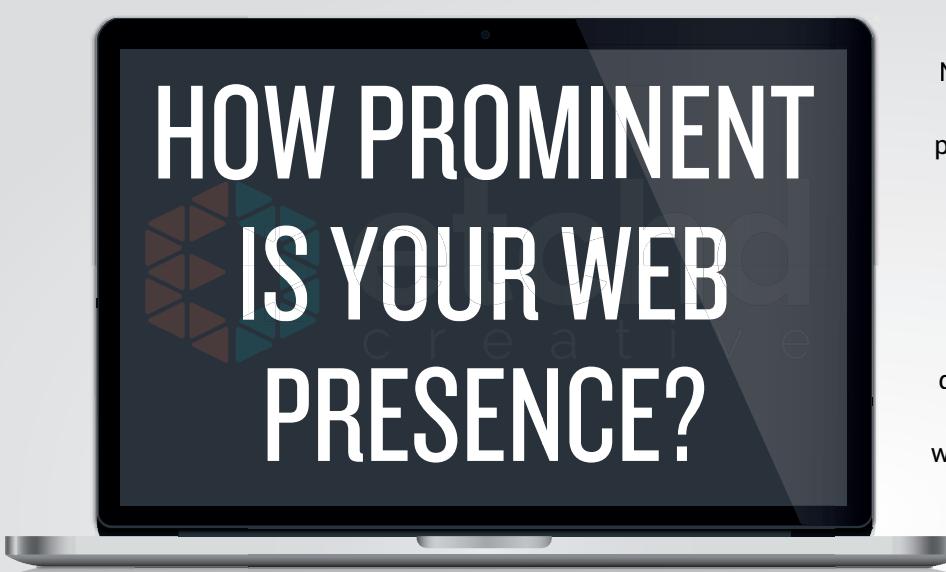
"Although we can only recognise a small number of our employees at these awards, we know we have teams across the South West Trains network providing fantastic customer care for our passengers."

After picking up his award, Mr Crook said: "I'm really delighted to receive this award. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time with South West Trains and the help and support from colleagues has been excellent."

"I'm looking forward to continuing to look after customers when they travel with us."

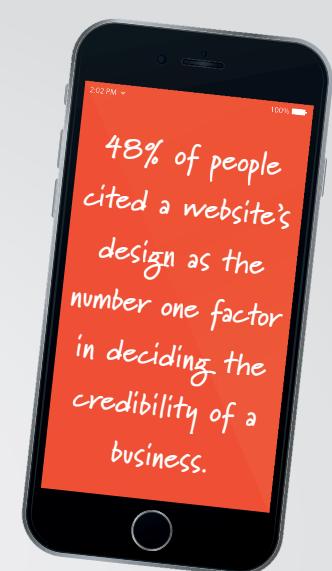
Hannah Bridgman, customer service director of STM Group UK, who sponsored the ceremony, said: "We're delighted to be involved and sponsor the I Make the Difference Awards. It is a great pleasure for STM to be given the opportunity to celebrate with South West Trains and see the achievements made on the network by the hard-working frontline staff and teams."

"Congratulations to everyone that has been nominated and well done to the winners on the day."



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# Runners complete half marathon

RUNNERS helped to raise thousands of pounds for charity and local groups when they took part in the annual Yeovil Half Marathon.

More than 1,300 runners set off from South Street in Yeovil for the 13.1-mile course which took them through the centre of town before heading through the Yeovil Country Park and then out to Montacute House, before heading back and finishing in the Quedam Shopping Centre.

Chris Southern was the first runner to complete the course in a time of 1:13:57 with second place going to Niall Stewart, of Medway & Maidstone AC, in 1:15:01. In third place was James Elgar, of Micky Morris Race Team, in 1:15:17.

First female to get home was Hannah Clayton in a super time of 1:23:51, while second was Emma Dennis in 1:29:49, while third was Lynette Porter in 1:30:23.

But everyone who took part in the event was a winner on the day and the official results show that only a very small handful of people did not finish the course out of the 1,302 runners who set off at the start.

Some of the runners will have set new personal best times for the distance, while others will have been just pleased to have got round, and many more would have taken great delight in raising money for their chosen charities.

There was also a children's race and a fun run for women runners only as part of the Yeovil Half Marathon festival held on Sunday, March 26th.



■ NEARLY THERE: Runners came down Larkhill Road in Yeovil in the latter stages of the half marathon. Left, Luke Simon, chief executive officer of the School in a Bag initiative, ran the course dressed as a School Bag.

Photos by CHRISTINE JONES



■ UDDERLY BRILLIANT: Darren Ellis completed the course in a cow outfit. Right, runners on Bluebell Road in the opening half of the Yeovil Half Marathon



## Electrical fire cuts off power

AROUND 40 properties in Yeovil had their power affected following an electrical fire in Westfield Grove.

The alarm was raised at just before 8pm On April 2nd and two fire engines were mobilised.

On arrival the firefighters discovered a small fire involving electrical cables and a junction box on the outside of a property. Although the fire was out by the time they had arrived, firefighters reported the cables were still arcing.

"Fire crews checked the premises for damage and cordoned the area off awaiting an electrical engineer and subsequent repair crew," said a Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service spokesman.

"The damaged cables affected about 40 properties in the road."

## Crew called to locked out mum

FIREFIGHTERS were called out on Sunday, April 2nd to help a mum who had locked herself out of her home with her two young children still inside.

The alarm was raised at just after 11am to the problem at a flat in Milford Road in Yeovil and firefighters arrived to find that the front door had shut behind the mother who was outside.

"We were able to use a ladder to gain entry to the first-floor flat and were then able to open the door to reunite the two children with their mother," said a Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service spokesman.

## Plans for multi-occupancy house

A PLANNING application has been submitted to South Somerset District Council to convert a property in Yeovil into a house of "multiple occupation."

Bravo Charles Investments Ltd has applied for planning permission to carry out the works at 48 Goldcroft in Yeovil.

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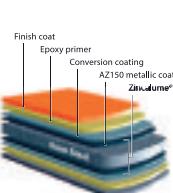
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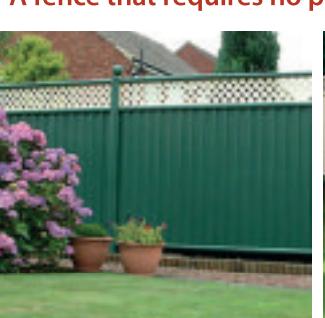
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# Oak Lodge staff skydive for charity



■ DAREDEVILS: The group taking part were Jo Molony, Abbie Sergent, Derek Harvey, Jay Tidd, Gemma Gullis and Bryonie Smith

A TEAM from Oak Lodge Care Home in Chard recently took part in a charity skydive to raise money for AgeUK.

A team of six staff members from the home had been scheduled to jump at the airfield at Dunkeswell four times previously, but bad weather meant they had to be cancelled.

The team finally jumped from 15,000 feet on Saturday, March 25th.

Dementia healthcare assistant, Abbie Sergent, said: "Age UK was an obvious choice for us to fundraise for. They are the country's largest charity dedicated to helping everyone make the most of later life."

"Age UK provide services and support at a national and local level to inspire, enable and support older people. All of us at Oak Lodge support the campaign to help reduce loneliness and enable older people to live later life."

Abbie's colleague Jo Molony added: "The whole team would like to thank all the staff at Skydive Buzz for their help on the day. It was a truly incredible experience that far exceeded our expectations. The instructors were so professional and helpful and really put our minds at ease."

"Overall our team raised in the region of £1,000 for Age UK, although the exact total is yet to be confirmed. We'd like to thank everyone for their support and sponsorship."

# Museum reopens for summer



■ OPEN FOR BUSINESS: The museum reopens with Councillors Amanda Broom and Linda Vijeh, volunteers Gwyneth Jackson, Denis Burgess and chairman Vince Lean

AFTER a winter break filled with lots of effort behind the scenes, Chard Museum reopened for a new season with a couple of special events.

The museum reopened with district councillor Amanda Broom and county councillor Linda Vijeh attending.

The first event held was a special craft session making Mother's Day cards. This was followed by a visit from the pre-war Riley owners' club.

All groups are able to book the museum for private tours, along with refreshments of choosing.

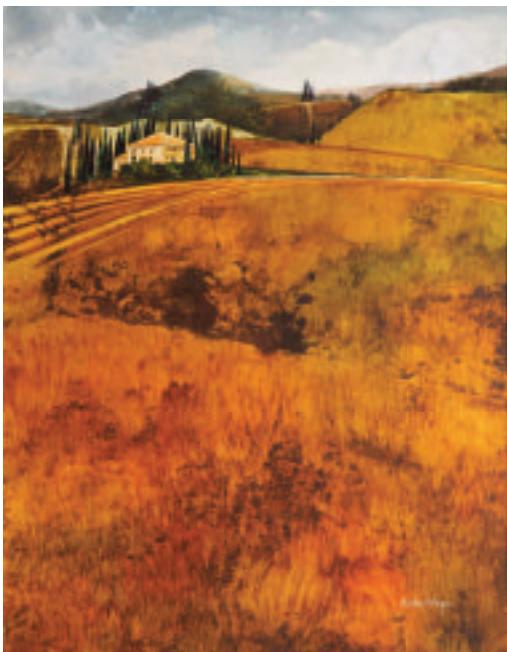
Councillor Broom, the representative

district councillor for the museum, said: "All of the volunteers have worked so hard during the winter months. Even if you have visited recently, do pop in again and see the new displays - the Wedding Dress display is breath-taking, and all dresses were made locally."

For those who would like to visit, the museum is now open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm and on Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

Group visits are also welcome by prior arrangement. Email [info@chardmuseum.co.uk](mailto:info@chardmuseum.co.uk) or phone 01460 65091 to arrange.

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# Chard shows off its talent at second open mic night

THE second open mic night in aid of Roy Castle's Lung Cancer Foundation, has taken place at Chard Rugby Club.

The talented Maia Henley sang again, and along with Jennifer Redgrave, both have visibly grown in confidence from the last event.

In addition, the audience were treated to performances from Jack Humphries and Ross Vicary, from Chard and Tatworth respectively.

Other acts on the night included 200 Hurts, who travelled up from Taunton to support the worthy cause, and sisters Paige and Faye Mitchell-Snudden from Chard.

Organiser John Gudge (pictured) said: "We raised another £50 and with more performers present we provided back to back entertainment for everyone. I was very encouraged by the performances of all those who attended."

It's hoped that the next event, to be held on Friday, April 28th from 8pm to 11pm, will see even more people showing their support or their talents. There is no need to pre-book, just turn up on the night with any equipment needed to wow the crowd.

There is an eight-channel PA system available for all performers, or people can bring their own amp, and then each act will have the chance to enjoy themselves and entertain the audience. Performers can also plug their phones in to the system for backing music as well.

Councillor Amanda Broom who is helping John organise the events, said: "It was a brilliant evening, we are very lucky to have such talented people in our area, willing to perform



to raise money for charities. We are certainly collecting an array of talent ahead of the main event, if you've not been able to come along yet, please do put the next date in your calendar now – don't miss out."

The open mic events are not a competition, they are for people to perform without any pressures from others - a social, relaxed environment with other like-minded performers.

The culmination of the open mic nights will be the main event of Chard's Got Talent, to be held at Chard Guildhall on Friday, June 2nd, 7pm start. Entry will cost £5 for adults and is free to children, and donations can be made on the night.

For more information about either the open mic nights, or the main event, contact John Gudge on 01460 261989 or 07977 144656 or email [johnpgudge@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnpgudge@yahoo.co.uk) or [Amanda.Broom@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk](mailto:Amanda.Broom@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk)



## the project

Supporting young people on the path to better mental health

A new column by **KERRY CABLE** from the peer support network for young people with mental health issues, based in Axminster and Chard



**T**HE Project is a peer support network that has been set up to support young people aged from 13 to 24 with mental health issues, and their parents and carers.

Based in Axminster and Chard, this is a free service open to young people and their parents and carers from across East Devon, South Somerset and West Dorset.

Kerry Cable is a qualified psychotherapist and mental health support worker for The Project, and will write a monthly column for this paper.

In addition to providing ongoing support for their young clients, Kerry processes referrals, creates workshops and delivers them in schools across Devon and Somerset.

**S**he is committed to raising awareness and eliminating the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

ARE screens stunting our development?

During a tidying session last week, I came across some old journals from my school days. Wanting to do anything but finish my spring clean, I made the ill-advised decision to read them. I'm still recovering from the cringing.

There were pages upon pages of self-reflection and painstaking analysis of the ups and downs of my teenage relationships.

I wondered, in the current age of social media and mobile phones, would I still have made time to process my thoughts and feelings in this way?

The incredible technology of mobile phones, tablets and the virtual world

they contain have received some negative press in recent years – from the damaging of our brains to our driving abilities – and now experts are coming to some fairly definitive conclusions around their effect on our mental health.

In a recent viral video regarding 'millennials' (people born after 1984), Simon Sinek spoke about the dangers of technology addiction and how they are stunting our personal relationships and self-development.

When we get a text or notification it triggers a release of the happy chemical dopamine.

This is the same, highly addictive, chemical that appears in our brain when taking cocaine, alcohol and nicotine – not to mention, gambling or gaming.

This little dose of happiness can serve as a boost to us when we feel anxious or uncomfortable.

If you are in public, take a look at the people around you. I would hazard a guess that a large percentage are currently exercising their scrolling thumbs'.

So often I am approached by parents for advice on how they can get their son or daughter to put down their 'screens' and embark on some real life, human interaction.

This is a tricky question to answer because I can see why the screen takes preference over the complicated nuances of human communication. It's hard work!

Especially when you are only just beginning the process of getting to know

yourself.

If you also add that that the adolescent brain is highly sensitive to the effects of dopamine, you have the perfect conditions for a compulsive habit that can extend far into adult life.

It does seem odd that we have a very fixed view of age limits for other highly addictive substances, but babies as young as two are already able to use an iPad.

This information just doesn't seem to be communicated to parents, so how could they be expected to know any different? It requires a societal shift in thinking.

I have heard some say that technology should be taken away from children and young people until they are an adult.

This feels unrealistic to me and means that they won't have the opportunity to benefit from all of the educational elements it provides. Plus, it's really fun!

As with most things, experts suggest that the key to a harmonious relationship with our tech is balance.

Whether it is limiting screen time, banning phones from the dinner table or the 'No Tech November' they enforce on the children of a community in North Carolina – there are things we can all do to protect ourselves from the effects of technology addiction.

Thinking back to my journals, I wonder if it is any coincidence that I stopped writing in them at the same age as I had my first mobile phone?

Perhaps there would have been even more skin-crawlingly awkward pages of teenage angst to read...

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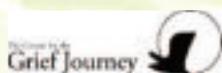


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Grief Journey South Somerset is now celebrating its fourth year providing support and reassurance to anyone that has suffered a bereavement within the local community. This programme provides 6 weeks of structured help and suggestions to face the future.

Working in association with leading grief counsellor Dr Bill Webster, this initiative was implemented by Stoodley and Son owner Tracey Warren in 2013. Colin explains, "Each week is structured to provide help and guidance through the many aspects of the grief process, and our team of trained volunteers can help you to find confidence in adjusting to life after the loss of someone special."

The next support group commences on Thursday 27th April 6pm-8pm at Crewkerne's Henhayes Centre. The programme is free of charge to attend and is open to anyone in the local area who has suffered a loss, or who is supporting friends or family members in such a situation.

For more information, or to attend one of

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# Children enthuse about engineering week

**GREEFYLDE** First School in Ilminster held an engineering week to promote the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The aim was to enable all children across the whole school to become familiar with engineering skills and have a chance to show greater depth in mathematics through a cross-curricular problem-solving approach.

The school made links with many local engineers and engineering companies, which were very willing to share their expertise and work with the children. These included Boeing, Gooch and Housego, Rolls Royce, Yeovil College Engineering department, P&O cruises and Daido to name a few.

Each year group enjoyed at least one experience with an outside group throughout the week. Children in Early Years worked with Year 12 STEM ambassadors from Wadham School in Crewkerne to engineer strong bridges out of any materials that they thought fit.

Key Stage 1 children worked with Richard Godden from Playart to create model suspension bridges in teams of four, based on Brunel's Clifton Suspension Bridge, while Year 2 children had a visit from Peter Mackay of Gooch and Housego to discuss the engineering design process and help them to design their own ideas in order to enter the Primary Engineer Leaders Award competition.

Children in Year 3 had a talk by Peter Watts from Rolls Royce and, later in the week, took part in an engineering activity morning led by lecturers from Yeovil College Engineering Department.

Year 4 children had a very busy week including a talk and interview with engineers from Boeing, and a packed activity afternoon to discover more about aerospace engineering. They also had a session with Julia Briggs, Somerset Computing Advisor, to make and programme Crumblebots.

Several children were chosen to visit Daido,

a local engineering firm, to tour the factory and get some hands-on experiences, and finally, all classes took part in exhibiting their work and activities in an engineering exhibition for parents and friends in the school hall on Friday afternoon.

As well as these organised activities, throughout the week each class conducted their own engineering projects which put into practice their problem-solving and teamwork skills in many different ways.

Key Stage 2 made pneumatic moving monster models and Year 2 children investigated the work of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and solved problems to create railway tunnels and model boats.

Year 1 children took part in the 'Egg Drop Challenge', in which they had to find a way to drop an egg with a parachute without it breaking, as well as activities such as finding a way of getting their teacher across the playground without their feet touching the ground.

Children in Early Years took part in many different engineering activities, including designing and creating boats that could float and ways to get water from one zone to another.

All children entered the Primary Engineering Leaders Award competition, which included sending in a labelled design and covering letter to persuade the judges to choose their invention.

Pupils were extremely enthusiastic about their work throughout this week and many parents reported that the children were happily talking about what they had been learning to them at home. There have since been numerous examples of children applying their mathematics and problem-solving skills to their work and, overall, the event was deemed a great success.

The school would like to thank all their visitors and staff, and especially Mrs Bowery and Mr Ashdown for leading the event.



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# Nominations open for Citizens' Awards

THE Ilminster Citizens' Award recognises people who have worked hard to make the town a better place and who deserve recognition for their efforts.

Ilminster Town Council is currently looking for nominations for the 2017 award, as well as the annual Bradley Cullen Youth Citizens Award, which looks to recognise a young inspirational person in the town.

The Bradley Cullen award is named after a local resident born with a serious illness, but who lived life to the full and was a popular member of the community before he died in 2013 at the age of just 15.

If you know somebody who has con-

tributed significantly to the life of Ilminster, you can nominate them by filling in a form explaining why you think the person should receive the award.

Previous recipients of the Citizens' Award have been recognised for their fundraising activities, for volunteering, for litter picking, for working with young people and for instigating an annual town event.

Nomination forms can be obtained from Ilminster Town Council Offices in North Street between 10am and 12noon Monday to Friday or by emailing [town.council@ilminster.gov.uk](mailto:town.council@ilminster.gov.uk) or downloading from the town council

website [www.ilminster.gov.uk](http://www.ilminster.gov.uk)

Nominees and those making the nominations for the Young Citizen's Award must either live in the parish of Ilminster or attend one of the Ilminster schools. Nominees must be under 18 years old and the awards may be issued posthumously provided that the nomination closing date is no more than one year since the nominee deceased.

The closing date for the receipt of nominations is Tuesday, April 18th and the name of the award winners will be announced at the council's annual community assembly on May 9th.

## Permission granted to convert police station into seven flats

PLANS to turn the former Ilminster Police Station into seven flats have been given permission by South Somerset District Council.

Ilminster Estates Ltd. has been given the go-ahead to make alterations and convert the former police station at the Butts, Ilminster, along with a first floor extension to an existing storage building, to create the flats.

The development will comprise five two-bed and two one-

bedroom flats along with parking facilities.

The plans also include the construction of cycle and bin stores.

The proposals were supported by Ilminster Town Council when its planning, highways and transport committee met on February 7th.

A final decision notice of approval was made by South Somerset District Council on Thursday, March 30th.

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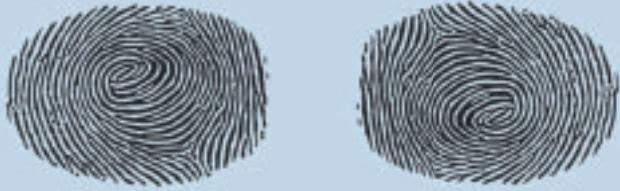
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# Rotary recruiting new members



**COME AND JOIN US:** Rotarians Michael Dodds, Peter Woodward, Jeremy Clifford and Peter Lawrence are keen to spread the word

POTENTIAL Rotarians in Crewkerne are encouraged to join current members for an informal chat.

The Rotary Club of Crewkerne is looking for new members and will provide information during an event on Saturday, April 22nd at a local coffee shop.

Club spokesperson Dave Checkley said: "As part of the recruitment drive we are holding an event at Costa Coffee from 10am-12noon."

The aim is to explain what Rotary is about and give potential members an idea of what can be expected and what is involved.

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SHELTERED seating has been provided outside Crewkerne Railway Station.

The Friends of Crewkerne Station (FOCS) surveyed members and there was a majority view that a seat and shelter at the front of the station would be most welcome.

They involved South West Trains (SWT) and Waitrose, which allocates £1,000 each month to local charities and community groups through customer votes.

FOCS chairman Tony Reese commented: "We are so pleased to see the seat and shelter here and grateful to Richard Kempton, SWT community liaison officer, for all the effort he put into negotiations with other departments of SWT to get them installed.

"If you have ever waited in the cold and wind for a taxi or a lift at the station you will know

how unpleasant it can be."

He also praised the generosity of Waitrose and the customers who voted for the FOCS project.

The money raised through the customer vote was matched by SWT.

The Friends are very grateful to the customers at Waitrose who put their green tokens in the Friends box as it enabled them to match fund with South West Trains for the seat and shelter.

Stations manager Glen Hatherley said: "I found myself outside the station once waiting for a taxi in freezing wet weather, so I am personally very pleased to see the seat with shelter."

Store manager Matt Foxwell cut the ribbon on behalf of Waitrose and its customers.

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**■ STALWART:** Chairman Ron Bond says thank you to Sue Hastings for all that she has done for the League of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital

## Stalwart steps down from hospital friends

A stalwart clocked up almost 30 years serving the League of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital before stepping down.

After 27 years of service, in which she has been a virtual one-woman charity task force, Sue Hastings has retired from the committee.

As well as her role on the Friends committee, which she joined in 1990, she has been busy raising funds, looking after League of Friends merchandise and making sure that there is always plenty in stock.

She has also made cards, knitwear and craft items for sale, as well as regularly running a stall at the annual hospital fete and the annual Merriott village fete.

And if that wasn't enough, Sue has been managing a stall in Merriott for the last couple of

years to raise funds for the League of Friends.

"She is an amazing lady with the energy of a 21-year-old who, through her work, has done so much for the League of Friends and the patients of Crewkerne Hospital," said Ron Bond, chairman of the Friends.

"She has decided now is the time to retire and we wish her well, but she will be greatly missed."

Ron presented her with a camellia and a card from all her 'friends' at the League of Friends.

"She is a lovely lady who, over the years, has worked very hard to raise funds for the League, and always doing it in a very quiet, modest way," added Teresa Bond, who is the League secretary.

# Come dine with us!



SIXTH form students at Wadham School took part in their own version of 'Come Dine With Me' as part of an alternative timetable day.

The activity included shopping to a budget for ingredients and a presentation on food hygiene before students split into groups to prepare each course for a Mexican-themed meal.

A school spokesperson said: "A carnival vibe was created with appropriately chosen music and there was some dancing between sam-

pling the dishes created.

"The menu comprised of tortillas and avocado toast for starters, main courses of fajitas, chilli con carne and nachos, rounded off with tropical fruit salad and spicy chocolate cheesecake.

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# The traditional family business that's always looking forward



■ THREE GENERATIONS: PECO chairman Michael Pritchard and his nephew, managing director Ben Arnold, with a photo of the company's founder, Sydney Pritchard

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**P**ECORAMA – home to the Beer Heights Light Railway – attracts more than 80,000 visitors every year, but many won't realise that the manufacturing business PECO, always busy behind the scenes, is really where it all began.

PECO began trading in 1946 when many young men were looking to start a new career in the difficult days of post-war Britain. Among them was Sydney Pritchard, whose innovative thinking and life-long passion for model trains set his new company on the right track.

It all started when Sydney was inspired to create a new design for an impractical coupling device for the new Hornby OO railway system. After trying several prototypes, he found a solution and arranged for a patent. Meccano of Liverpool agreed to use the coupling device for its OO model railway locomotives, offering a royalty of a farthing for each sold, which was enough to get the Pritchard Patent Product Company off the ground, later being nicknamed the P Company and eventually PECO, as it is known today – 71 years later.

With a particular interest in train track, inspired by a childhood spent studying the railway lines surrounding his home in London, Sydney got to work creating a variety of new products and building up relationships with traders. Today, PECO has developed more than 1,000 products and proudly considers itself to be the world's leading manufacturer of model railway track, offering its range in about 400 model railway shops across the country and exporting to 34 countries around the world. Perhaps not quite what you'd expect to find set high on the hill above the quiet East Devon village of Beer.

It was actually in Branscombe where the business was first based, but it later moved to Seaton and by the late 1960s, with restricted space, the company took on its current site in Beer to construct a purpose-built factory, which opened over Easter 1971, and in 1973 the offices followed suit.

The new offices were designed to incorporate an exhibition of model railways, to inspire enthusiasts to pursue their hobby at home no matter what space they had available. It was hugely popular and it soon became apparent



that PECO could also make a name for itself in the tourist industry.

A year later, Pecorama was born, with the 7 1/4" gauge Beer Heights Light Railway opened by the creator of Thomas the Tank Engine, the Reverend Wilbert Awdry. Having started as a short line, the track now runs a mile through tunnels and around the Pecorama grounds – which also include gardens, play areas, mini golf, an outdoor stage and restaurants – and of course still commands the same stunning views across Lyme Bay.

It was during the exciting times of the early 1970s that Sydney's son Michael joined the company, and so started a family dynasty which has continued to this day. Michael moved up the ranks eventually taking over as managing director and has recently taken a step back to become chairman of the company. His nephew Ben Arnold is now taking the business into the next generation, while still retaining its charm and the values first instilled by Sydney in the 1940s.

Taking after his grandfather, Ben has always had an interest in engineering and joined PECO in 2003 having studied automotive engineering. He learnt the production process and worked in the design office, eventually becoming manager of the engineering department, production manager, engineering director and, finally, managing director 18 months ago.

He says being able to see PECO's products through the entire production process, rather than just playing a small part, is what he enjoys most about the job, adding: "Even if it was not the family business, it's the kind of place I would want to work at."

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■ BEHIND THE SCENES: Alongside the busy model railway manufacturing business, staff at Pecorama maintain all their engines for the Beer Heights Light Railway on site

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## 5 Strange Easter Food Traditions From Around the World

by Matt Sulem • Visit [www.thedailymeal.com](http://www.thedailymeal.com) for the full article

EASTER involves some weird and fun foods, and some global ones might surprise you.

Whether it's a ham dinner, Peeps, or Cadbury Creme Eggs, everyone has certain foods he or she thinks of when it comes to Easter — even those folks who don't celebrate the religious holiday. However, this is a very ethnocentric view of Easter eats, so in the spirit of multiculturalism, it's time for a lesson on the holiday's traditions around the world.

Here are five examples from around the world that deserve to be in the running:

**Butter Lamb:** In Poland and parts of Russia, it's traditional to have a butter lamb as the centerpiece of Easter dinner. No, this isn't some type of butter-heavy way to cook lamb, but instead a giant hunk of butter that has been sculpted into the shape of a lamb. The lamb represents the beginning of spring, and the butter represents an easy way to give yourself a holiday heart attack — or something like that.

**Chocolate Bilbies:** Remember that classic episode of The Simpsons where the family visits Australia and Bart leaves behind a bullfrog that destroys their ecosystem by excessively breeding and eating all of the country's crops? That's pretty much how Australians actually feel about rabbits. Instead of celebrating Easter with bunny symbolism, they use a bilby, which is a small marsupial with large ears and a long, pointed nose. The animal is now endangered (thanks in part to those wascally wabbits), and has been subsequently incorporated heavily into Easter traditions — in-

cluding the eating of chocolate bilbies instead of bunnies. Doesn't make too much of a difference in the end though; once you bite the head off, it's all the same.

**Easter Bread:** Poland is back with another funky Easter tradition. However, it doesn't have to do with the actual food itself, but rather its preparation. In Poland, men don't help prepare the customary Easter bread because an old wives tale says if any dough gets in their mustaches, they will turn grey or the bread won't rise. Of course, clean-shaven men are probably safe, but we'd wager that an awful lot of Polish men mysteriously start growing facial hair every March.

**Lamb's Stomach Soup:** In Greece, when people are hungry after Easter Sunday mass, they return home to fill their stomachs with... another stomach. Lamb stomach, to be precise. Also known as patsas or tripe soup, the dish is often seasoned with red wine vinegar and garlic, or thickened with avgolemono (egg-lemon sauce). Indulge too much on Easter wine? Patsas is also supposed to be a great hangover cure.

**Murderous Milk:** Sure, milk isn't really a food (unless you freeze it into milk cubes and crunch away), but we couldn't resist including this tidbit. In Norway, it's traditional for families to read or watch murder mysteries together at Eastertime. Not only do TV stations and publishers in Norway coordinate their programming for these activities, but milk companies actually make special cartons with mini murder mysteries printed on them. This is par for the course in Norway, but to people in America it might look a bit twisted, as photos of missing children used to be put on the sides of milk containers.



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# The stars are out in East Devon as cameras roll on new musical

EAGLE eyed locals will have noticed some new faces in East Devon over the past few weeks.

The area around Sidmouth has been inundated with A-list celebrities, who have been shooting a brand new movie, entitled *Melody the Musical*.

Axminster railway station was taken over by the stars last week and the bustling village of Beer ground to a halt when the visitors were, quite literally, dancing in streets.

The film will feature Hollywood icon Joan Collins along with a whole host of other famous names including Elizabeth Hurley and Michael Ball.

The cast also boasts a Broadway superstar in Millicent Martin, who took some time off from filming to give us the lowdown and said: "I think it's going to be a really good film, so I'm happy to be included."

Millicent Martin is a Tony nominated actress who has

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appeared in numerous hit shows on Broadway.

UK audiences perhaps best know her as the resident singer in the weekly satire show *That Was The Week That Was*, but she is known throughout the world as the officious and shrewd Gertrude Moon in the hit American sitcom *Frasier*.

Millicent is playing Betty, a singer and dancer, who along with her best friend Bessie (Joan Collins) formed part of an entertainment troupe in wartime London.

Although the pair have met on many occasions, this is the first time Millicent has worked with 'Dame Joan' – as she refers to her – and tells me about the film: "Basically it's about two women who were music hall ladies; they sang and danced as a couple.

"During the war they separated and I had to go back to

my home because my husband had been injured in the war.

"Due to the chaos in London we lose each other. Many years later, I'm in hospital for a check-up and I start to talk to my granddaughter about the old days."

The story takes audiences on a journey, which starts in London during the Second World War.

It was a time when forces from all over the world were in the city and the old time music hall was the main source of entertainment.

The tale is brought right up to the modern day and Millicent tells me: "It's lovely because you will get the modern musical style and also the old music hall, with the lovely theatres which were in London during war time."

Last month a plea went out from the Mad Dog production company who were looking for 500 extras from the local area to help with

the filming.

They were initially particularly interested in finding women over 65 who were able to sing to be in the background.

But it wasn't just the more mature talent from the locale they eventually used, however, and local stage regular Josie Cable, 23, will see her name on the credits as she spent two days shooting in Beer.

Josie was chosen from hundreds of hopefuls and taken to Fore Street in Beer to take part in a scene with Helen Baxendale.

Popular boutique Cinderella's was used as a location and Josie said: "My role was as an extra, or background filler, so I did various things like going in and out of the shop and talking to people on the street."

Josie spent the lunchtime with Helen Baxendale – star of *Cold Feet* and *Friends* – and the small group of actors who had been chosen from around the area.

Josie told me: "She [Helen Baxendale] was very down to earth and just came in to have lunch with us and was

just part of the team."

Filming is continuing in Ealing and the release date is yet to be confirmed.



**That Was The Week That Was and Frasier star Millicent Martin has been filming locally for a musical which co-stars Dame Joan Collins**



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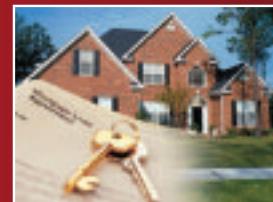
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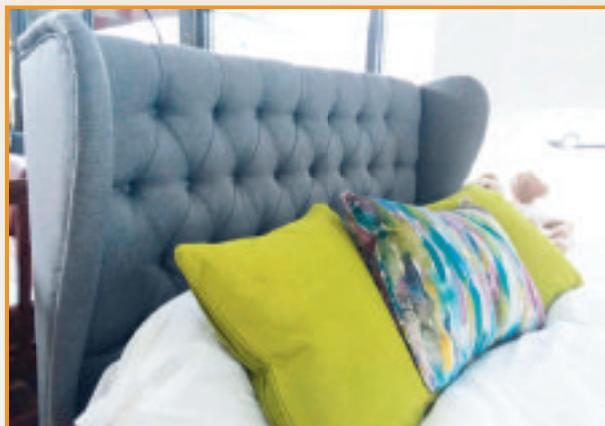


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# VIEW 2

## Musical Theatre's introduction evening

IF YOU fancy putting on a uniform and want to sing 'There is Nothing Like A Dame' or 'I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair', come along to Axminster Musical Theatre's musical introduction evening in the Masonic Hall, South Street, on Monday April 24th at 7.30pm.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *South Pacific* contains one hit song after another and you will learn how the society's November show will be staged and all about the auditions which will be held on Sunday, May 14th at 3pm in the Masonic Hall.

Refreshments will be served at the introduction evening so do come along.

The show will be performed on The Guildhall stage from November 15th-18th. To find out more details, please contact [axmt.co.uk](http://axmt.co.uk) or Rose Harvey on 07967205302

## Wurlitzer triumph

ANDREW NIX, the likeable Yorkshireman, made a return visit to Beer on Saturday, April 8th. His thoughtful repertoire of popular music on the Beer Wurlitzer ranged from Irving Berlin to Adele, and included many old favourites - his beautiful playing and his repartee with the audience added up to yet another happy and enjoyable afternoon. As a member of the audience commented afterwards: "It was lovely, he played all the tunes we like to hear."

Andrew started playing on a home organ aged 10, his potential was recognised and his parents arranged lessons for him. As soon as he left school he started playing in local clubs and aged 17 he was appointed organist and musical director for a theatre group performing at Butlins. He is now in much demand for concerts and dances nationwide. Andrew told the audience "I am full of praise for the dedication of the team in keeping the organ in such fine shape and also all the work in setting up these excellent shows. I am so pleased to be back in picturesque Beer today."

The next show will be on Saturday, 13 May, at 2.00pm at the Congregational Church, Fore Street, Beer, when there will be a double bill of Damon Willets and Dorian Collins. Everyone is most welcome - admittance is £7.00 on the door, to include a half-time cuppa, children under 16 are free. For further information phone 01297 24892 or visit [www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk](http://www.beerwurlitzer.org.uk).



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## Easter farmers market

THE MONTHLY Crewkerne Farmers Market is this coming Easter Saturday, April 15th at our new venue by The Henhayes Centre (TA18 8DA near Waitrose and The Aqua Centre), from 9am to 1pm.

Come along to the Farmers Market on Saturday for quality food and drink, produced and reared in the local area; bread, cakes, apples and seasonal veg, cheese, fish, meat, poultry and eggs and Ed the Potter!

Its that time of year again with Islebeck Plants and Raindrop Flowers back for the growing season. Islebeck Plants offer sturdy flowering and edible plants for your garden or containers. Raindrop Flowers offer colourful and original flower arrangements with their locally grown cut flowers.

Wayford Vineyard are visiting the market again with their award winning white sparkling wine from the tranquil hillsides overlooking the Axe Valley.

We look forward to seeing you at the market, shopping for delicious food and drink for your holiday weekend.

For Farmers Market dates across Somerset and details of all the producers visit [www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk](http://www.somersetfarmersmarkets.co.uk).

## Chicken Run Fun at World of Country Life!

COME along to World of Country Life, Exmouth this Easter Bank Holiday weekend and the whole family will be able to enjoy loads of fun packed 'eggstra' activities!

There are free gifts for all the children who complete the Easter Trail. The little ones can try their hand at the Easter Arts & Crafts and join in the 'quacking games' where there are prizes to be won - if you keep an eye out you'll be sure to spot our very own Easter Bunny wandering around with our park mascot 'Appy Angus the bright green deer! Those two really are a sight to be seen!

All of this on top of the usual list of daily activities - walk a goat, bottle feed a lamb, enjoy the Hawkridge Birds of Prey display, ride on the Deer Train Safari\*, meet the animals, visit the Hall of Transport, stroll along the Victorian Street and Farming Museum then if you still have the energy there are three indoor soft play areas, the Pirate Ship Play Area and numerous swings, slides and trampolines outdoors!

Farmer Lee's Food Barn will be open all day offering Easter specials and there's the Tractor Take-away for a grab-and-go tasty Devon treat so no need to go hungry!

For a full itinerary of events please visit [www.worldofcountrylife.co.uk](http://www.worldofcountrylife.co.uk)

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# Diary Dates

**TUESDAY APRIL 11TH**

**SIDMOUTH:** East Devon Organ Club at Primley Road Church Hall (EX10 9LH). Matthew Basin will perform at 7.30pm.

**CREWKERNE:** The Ille Valley Flower Club have a Flower Arranging Demonstration presented by Susan Griffiths from Plymouth. Titled "Madam Du Paris". At Broadway Village Hall. Starts 7.30pm visitors and new members welcome

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

**CREWKERNE:** Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 - 4pm.

**COLYTON:** Merchant Navy Association meeting at the White Hart. 12noon til 1.30pm. No agenda, just chat among shipmates. All ex-Merchant Navy personnel welcome. For more details call 01297 624042.

**CHARD:** Chard WI meeting at Chard Baptist Church Rooms, Holyrood Street TA20 2AH. Discussion of WI national campaign resolutions, starts 7.30. New members welcome. Call Johanna on 01460 68133 for more information. Meetings first Tuesday of every month.

**AXMINSTER:** Afternoon Tea, Cakes, Live Music and an Easter Bonnet competition, 2 -3:30pm Bradshaw Meeting Room Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5AH

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 12TH**

**SEATON:** Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by Val Sutherland - A Letter from the Past. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome - come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 21872 for more information.

**SEATON:** Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody. £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk for more details

**COLYFORD:** Axe Valley Centre, National Trust. Talk on East Devon Pebbled Heaths and the Otter Valley by Sam Bridgewater. Colyford Memorial Hall 2.30pm. Non-members welcome £2.00 including refreshments.

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo - £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games - "eyes down" at 2.30pm at Henhayes Centre. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

**THURSDAY APRIL 13TH**

**CHARD:** Chard Royal Naval Association skittles and panty night at the Happy Return, East Street at 7pm for 7.30pm.

**SEAVINGTON:** Seavington Gardening Club meeting at 7.30pm in the Millennium Hall. A talk by Myra Cox - "Flower Arranging for Village Shows". Flower arranging materials will be on sale. Visitors welcome - £2 payable at the door. Refreshments available plus a raffle. For more information please contact Karen Day tel. 01460 249728

**OFFWELL:** Honiton Flower Club is hosting a flower arranging demonstration entitled 'A Floral Heart' by Charlotte Dawe, Area Demonstrator, at Offwell Village Hall. Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2.15pm start. Refreshments available and all welcome for a £5 admission fee.

**SEATON:** Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting will take place at 2.30 pm at the Masonic Hall, Queen Street, Seaton. Talk by Mike Burks of Gold Club entitled "Container Gardening".

Also judging of Bulb Competition from October 2016. Visitors welcome, charge £2. to include refreshments. Contact details: 01297 24049

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

**FRIDAY APRIL 14TH**

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

**AXMINSTER:** Whist Drive at the Axminster Heritage Centre, Bradshaw Room, Silver Street Axminster EX13 5A8 7.30pm Coffee, Tea, Biscuits and good prizes!

# Thoroughly Modern Millie

IT'S 1922, and fresh off the train from the Mid-West, the sweet but plucky Millie Dillmount (Jodie Glover) arrives in New York full of dreams, and determined to acquire big city sophistication and a wealthy husband. She tears up her return ticket, bobs her hair, and assumes the modern look of a 'flapper'.

But her enthusiasm doesn't last long as she is mugged on the street, losing her hat, scarf, purse and shoe. As she panics trying

to get some one to help her, she trips up unsuspecting passer by Jimmy Smith (Cameron Love), a handsome, witty and carefree young fella' who promptly lectures her on why she should head straight back home; she is just another girl full of false hopes who doesn't belong in the big city.

She almost takes his advice, but then has second thoughts, after all

"Who needs a hat? Who needs a purse? And who needs YOU, mister whoever-you-are?"

With renewed enthusiasm, she finds herself a room at the Hotel Priscilla for Single Women run by the mysterious and sinister Mrs. Meers. The young ladies who reside there are unaware of their potential fate as 'Meersie', a failed actress turned evil, now works for a secret white slavery ring in Hong Kong, kidnapping the pretty unsuspecting orphan girls and shipping them to the Orient.

When the room next to Millie's suddenly becomes available, after the mysterious disappearance of yet another young resident, the wealthy & sweet Miss Dorothy moves in fresh from California; She is eager to learn 'how the other half lives' and her and Millie strike up a friendship.'

The story continues in next week's edition.

Lyme Regis Musical Theatre perform Thoroughly Modern Millie at the Marine Theatre from Tuesday, May 9th to Saturday, May 13th.

Tickets are on sale now from Serendip, Broad Street, Lyme Regis or by calling 01297 442594. Tickets are priced at £12 for Tuesday, and £15 Wednesday to Saturday.

# Diary Dates

**FRIDAY APRIL 14TH & SATURDAY APRIL 15TH**

**TATWORTH:** 6th Tatworth Beer Festival at Tatworth Playing Fields. 4pm-10.30pm Friday, 4pm-11pm Saturday. Live music Saturday night with Grouvecat. BBQ available. Monies raised will contribute to the upkeep of recreational facilities for the village.

**SATURDAY APRIL 15TH**

**SOUTH PETHERTON:** Easter Family Fair, 11.00am - 5.00pm. Easter Egg Trail, Food Stalls, Dog Show with The Groom Room, Face Painting, Lambs, Chicks, Local Producers, Refreshments, Tractors, plus lots more! At Frogmary Green Farm. For more details call 01460 249758 or visit www.frogmarygreenfarm.co.uk

**DONYATT:** One Plus One Carnival Club are holding their Easter Bingo on Saturday 15th April at Donyatt Bowling club. Meat Hamper prizes and an Easter themed raffle. Cakes and refreshments available. Bingo room open from 7pm, eyes down for 8pm.

**OFFWELL:** Easter Bingo in Offwell Sports and Social Club, Nr. Honiton, doors open 6.15pm eyes down at 7.00 pm. lovely prizes, good night out for all the family, proceeds to Offwell Sports and Social Club.

**SEAVINGTON:** Smokestack CMC held at the Millennium Hall. Music from Jeff Gallant Band. No bar, BYO. Free tea/coffee. For more details call 01935 881510.

**SEATON:** FREEdom Cafe - FREE Community Cafe 10.30am-1.30pm. Hosted by St Gregory's church at the church centre Seaton EX12 2DF. Coffee, cakes and light lunches all FREE. Rummage stall and good quality second hand books. We welcome everyone, living, working or just visiting.

**LYME REGIS:** Local Crafts and Collectables at the Baptist Church Hall, Silver Street. From 10.30am. Free admission. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE Cancer Charity. For more details call 01297 445232.

**SUNDAY APRIL 16TH**

**SOUTH PETHERTON:** South Petherton Carnival are holding their annual Easter Duck race. Ducks are available to buy from the Brewers arms pub, N&D newsagents or on the day, £2 per duck or 3 for £5. The race starts from 3pm at Hele Lane and finishes at Silver street in the village. Big cash prizes to be won. Followed by a quiz in aid of the carnival in the Brewers arms at 8:30pm.

**MONDAY APRIL 17TH**

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

**SMEATHARPE:** Whist Drive in aid of hall roof funds, 7.30pm. Good prizes and raffle. For more details call 01823 601296.

**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Awareness April Meeting. Guest Speaker: Peter Knight on 'Dartmoor Mindscapes'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne, 7pm - 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments)

Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

**STOCKLAND:** Stockland Church Annual Brunch and Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon. Full English breakfast, followed by a footpath walk. All welcome.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

**TUESDAY APRIL 18TH**

**AXMINSTER:** Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@halff.org.uk. 11.00am-12.30pm.

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Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

# The first ladies of jazz



■ Lee Gibson

ILMINSTER Arts Centre invites you to spend an evening with the first ladies of jazz on Friday, April 21st, when top UK jazz vocalist Lee Gibson will be performing the songs of the jazz divas Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee and Sarah Vaughan, accompanied by the Martin Dale Quartet, the most popular saxophone small group in the South West.

Lee Gibson is a world-class singer who regularly performs with the BBC Big Band and the BBC Concert Orchestra, including sessions on 'Friday Night is Music Night'. She has sung at seven Royal Variety Shows, and appears regularly with her own trio and quartet at major jazz venues including the 606 Club, Ronnie Scott's and Pizza on the Park. A popular performer in Europe, Lee has also recorded and starred with The Netherlands Metropole Orchestra in Holland, The UMO Jazz Orchestra in Finland, The WDR Band and The Francy Boland Band in Germany and the Danish Radio Band in Denmark.

Audiences and critics can't get enough of Lee Gibson, with *The Independent* declaring her 'a jazz vocal sensation', while *The Stage* names her as 'One of the best Big Band singers in the country.' According to *Time Out* Gibson is 'that rarity, a swinging singer who has also reached the highest standards of musicianship.' As far as the *Observer*'s jazz critic is concerned, 'there can never be too much Lee Gibson... she lights up any song with her musicality.'

Martin Dale is one of the busiest saxophonists in the South West, with his own quartet and as a guest soloist in many others. He is a member of the London based groups "Sax Appeal" and "Jack Bruce Blues Experience". Martin's Plymouth based band has worked with Jim Mullen, Bruce Adams, Digby Fairweather and Peter King to name but a few. Martin has worked on the Q.E.2 as lead alto player, backing such artists as Neil Sedaka, Petula Clark, and Tom Jones and has recorded for the BBC on radio and television sound tracks.

Lee and Martin's combination of song and saxophone promises a musical treat of the highest order. They play at Ilminster Arts Centre at the Meeting House on Friday, April 21st at 8pm. Tickets are £14, and a preshow supper is available for £14 at 7pm but must be pre-booked. To book your place, contact the Box Office on 01460 54973.

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## Yeovil Concert Band to perform in Martock

THE 32-strong Yeovil Concert Band, directed by Band Sergeant Tom Griffin, RM, will play music by John Williams and Ennio Morricone, popular marches, and classical items extracts from *The Jersey Boys*.

Tom Griffin, the charismatic director of Yeovilton Military Band, now also directs the Concert Band.

The Yeovil Concert band performs at Martock Parish Church on Thursday, April 20th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 on the door or £7 in advance from 01935 822706.



■ Yeovil Concert Band

## Songs of stage and screen

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Blake will bring their 'Songs of Stage & Screen' show to Yeovil's Octagon Theatre on Friday, May 5th. Tickets are £21.50, available online at [www.octagon-theatre.co.uk](http://www.octagon-theatre.co.uk) or by calling 01935 422884.



■ Blake

## All a-buzz at the Blackbury Honey Farm

THE tulips are out, the larks have been heard singing in the meadow and the bees are out pollinating the first crops of the year. It's all a-buzz here again at Blackbury Honey Farm.

The kitchen in particular is a veritable hive of activity. We are proud to announce the arrival of our fantastic new chef Scott, formerly of the renowned Salty Monk in Sidford.

Scott is shaking up our menu and giving it a lively twist. You simply have to try his hot - cross buns this Easter, they are the best! Don't just take my word for it, our 18 month old granddaughter, Alice adores them and in between buttery mouthfuls can be heard murmuring mmm... yum... yum! She is competing with granddad to see who can eat the most!

The beekeeping courses con-

tinue to be very successful, with students attending from all over the country. In a few weeks time we will be hosting a swarm of local beekeepers from Holsworthy Association.

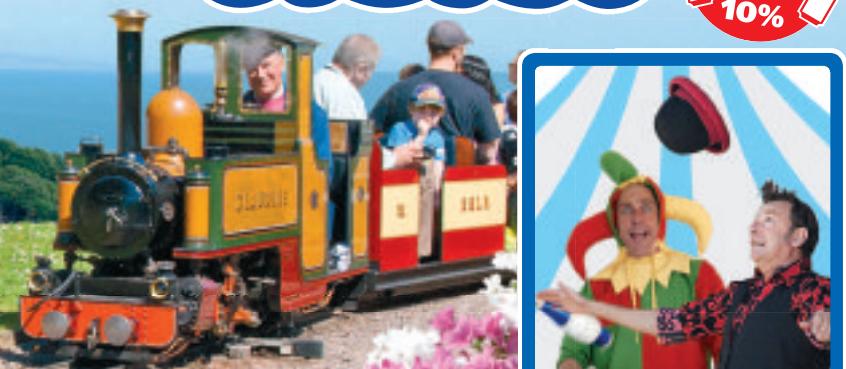
Our lovely, friendly staff are waiting to welcome you. This year we have Alice, Alison, Jon and Ollie out front whilst the resident beekeepers are ably assisted by Rachael and trainee Cristina, a local vet with a particular interest in bees. Toiling out in the garden will be Maureen, as usual, with help from Rich on the heavy work and WFGA trainee Rachel who has a keen interest in vegetable growing.

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## WEDNESDAY APRIL 19TH

**SEATON:** Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit [www.jurassicfolkandjam.com](http://www.jurassicfolkandjam.com)

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**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne Bowling Club (West Street) sees the start of the season with the Opening of the Green at 6:16pm. New member would be most welcome - come and have a roll-up (weather permitting), bar will be open. More info available from secretary Bruce Murdoch on 01935 863209

**HONITON:** Honiton U3A will be meeting at The Beehive, Honiton on Wednesday 19th April when their speaker will be Peter Hood who will be giving a talk on 'Food through the Ages' - A gourmet and not so gourmet look at recipes from the past. (Will include a few samples). At The Beehive Centre, Dowell St., Honiton - Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start. Members free and visitors welcome (suggested donation of £2.00). Further information: 01404 589008. Website: <http://u3asites.org.uk/honiton>

**SEATON:** Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway at Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email [waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk](mailto:waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk) for more details

**SEATON:** Discover Seaton Down Hillfort walk. Bill Horner, County Archaeologist will reveal what the bumps and humps tell us about the past of this little known Iron Age Hillfort. Legacy to Landscape project event. 2pm - 4pm, Free - No booking required. Parking at Seaton Tower layby, Seaton Down road, EX12 2TH (ST 233 913) legacytoland-scape@gmail.com; 01404 310012

**CREWKERNE:** Bingo - Cash prizes - "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

## THURSDAY APRIL 20TH

**CHARD:** Chard Camera Club Members will be given a presentation by local photographer Matilda Tempeler on images of Floods, Fashion and Circus. Anyone interested in seeing this presentation should come to the location for 7.30pm on the night. Any further information can be obtained via their website [www.chardcameraclub.org.uk](http://www.chardcameraclub.org.uk) or by contacting the acting members secretary Mr Malcolm Brocklehurst on 01460 68616

**AXMINSTER:** All Saints Primary School PTFA bingo night at Cloakham Lawn. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7:30pm. Great prizes to be won. Raffle on the night. Everyone welcome!

**FENITON:** Feniton History Group talk on 'Medieval Rood Screens - their rise and their fall', with guest speaker Martin Horrell. At Feniton Church, 7.30pm. Admission £4 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.00am to 11.00am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non- members.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 2 - 4.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try

## FRIDAY APRIL 21ST

**CREWKERNE:** Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

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**CREWKERNE:** Bertie's Big Band Concert at St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne. Doors open 7:00pm for 7:30pm; tickets £12 or £14 on the door, (under 18's free); available from Crewkerne Town Hall or Liz 01460 271767. A Bar will be available

**CREWKERNE:** Special Lunch at Henhayes Centre - Roast Lamb, Fruit Crumble. Bar open at 12 noon, lunch at 12.30pm. £8.00 booking essential. Everyone welcome.

## FRIDAY APRIL 21st & SATURDAY APRIL 22ND

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Musical Theatre concert of West End and Broadway shows at Axminster Guildhall, 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Archway Bookshop 01297

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The Horticultural Society is grateful for any support it receives and always welcomes new members to come and join us. We would also be very grateful for any help with weeding and looking after the floral displays, and if anyone is interested in being a volunteer helper, please come along to the hall and see us.

The next Table Top Sale will take place on Saturday May 27 and there are a few tables left for this one - if you would like to book one, please call Audrey on 01297-20048. Table cost is £6 for one, or £10 for two. Bookings are also being taken for the June Table Top Sale on Saturday, June 24th and there are tables available for this one on the same contact number.

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## SATURDAY APRIL 22ND

**LYME REGIS:** Local Crafts and Collectables at the Baptist Church Hall, Silver Street. From 10.30am. Free admission. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE Cancer Charity. For more details call 01297 445232.

## MONDAY APRIL 24TH

**AXMINSTER:** Axminster Carnival Bingo at Axminster Guildhall. Doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

**MISTERTON:** Bingo at Misterton Village Hall. Doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Every Monday.

**AXMINSTER:** A Street Cat Named Bob - Our Movie on Monday in the Bradshaw Meeting Room, Thomas Whitty House, Silver Street, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5AH doors open 1:30 for a 2:00pm start. Tickets just £4 can be booked in advance on 01404 831207 Light refreshments available after the film.

**CREWKERNE:** Physio Fit at Henhayes Centre - 9.40 to 10.40am and 10.45 am to 11.45 am. £2 for members/ £3 for non-members. Transport available for second session, ring Centre to book.

**CREWKERNE:** Short Mat Bowls at Henhayes Centre. 7 - 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

## TUESDAY APRIL 25TH

**SEATON:** Cooking For One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 11am-1pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure and modified diets (eg puree/fork mashable). New venue The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Laura on 01297 631782 for more information or email [laura@halff.org.uk](mailto:laura@halff.org.uk).

**CREWKERNE:** Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre - Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

**CREWKERNE:** Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people 50+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged (£3.00) and members usually stay for a cooked lunch priced at £6.50 including tea or coffee. Please call 01460 74340 for further details.

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## WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH

**SEATON:** Seaton and District Probus Club. Talk by David Duke with advice on legal matters. 10 am at Seaton Methodist Church small hall. The club is open to retired or semi-retired men over 55. New members/prospective members welcome - come and give us a try. Please contact Stephen Lord on 01297 218722 for more information.

**SEATON:** Yoga with a chair 1.30 to 2.30 at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERYbody £5. All welcome. Contact Yvonne 01297 20326 or email [waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk](mailto:waite@relaxatseaton.co.uk) for more details

## THURSDAY APRIL 27TH

**ILMINSTER:** Heritage of the Ile Trust Annual Meeting at the Shrubbery Hotel, 7.30pm. After the short AGM there will be a slide show presentation and talk by Robin Gilbert from the South West Airfields Trust which will include when and why Merrifield Aerodrome was built and how important it was in WW2. A further slideshow and display of old photographs will continue during the Buffet. The cost is £10pp which includes the optional buffet (£8) and annual membership of £2. For further details please contact Rowland Garland on 0146052673 or Allan White on 0146053928

**COLTON:** English Civil War Costume Evening - come along and find out what Colton townsfolk will be wearing for the 10th June historical community event. Costumes, information sheets, advice - all welcome. 6-8 pm at Sunday School, St Andrews Church in Colton. More Information - 01297 552626

## FRIDAY APRIL 28TH

**SEATON:** Free Cooking Demonstrations For Heart & Diabetes with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families), 10.30-12.30. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking and covering nutritional advice for people with, or at risk of, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. New venue The Marshlands Centre, Harbour Road, Seaton, EX12 2LT. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Chat, learn, eat. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information, email [hannah@halff.org.uk](mailto:hannah@halff.org.uk) or go to [www.halff.org.uk](http://www.halff.org.uk).

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# Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

## The struggle with objectivity as a theatre critic

IT'S VERY easy in this job to get caught up in the excitement of a glamorous West End press night. We are given free tickets, free booze and are often surrounded by celebrities, but is that really the best way to be objective about the show you're critiquing?

Don't get me wrong, walking on a red carpet can have its attractions, but after the first few times, you begin to realise you can get a much more rounded view of show if you visit on another night.

I used to be mortified if I didn't make it onto the A-list and had to see a show on a different night, but now I actually prefer it. You're more likely to get two tickets, so you can take a friend, you don't have to dress up, so are more able to sit comfortably, and there's no pressure to post your review at the same time as everyone else.

I also think it's much easier to focus on the show you are watching rather than being swept up in the showbiz machine, with the peer pres-

sure of being amongst other critics and the feeling you should somehow take their ideas into consideration.

With this in mind, I watched the new revival of *42nd Street* this weekend after press night and I thought it was fairly bland. I was therefore surprised by many of the critic's reviews and can't help but wonder if they had been whipped into frenzy by seeing a member of the Royal Family (The Duchess of Cambridge was in attendance) and their opinions



■ AUDRA McDonald and George Farmer in *Lady Day* at Emerson's Bar & Grill.

were perhaps affected by the occasion.

A lot of money has been thrown at the production to make up for its distinct lack of real substance and for me the phrase "You can't polish a turd, but you can roll it in glitter" perfectly applies.

I must quickly state that I'm hugely grateful for every ticket I get and I'm fully aware there are thousands of people who would give their eyeteeth to be given the opportunity to see West End shows for free.

We are over a barrel however. Us minnows need to see the big shows in order to encourage traffic to our publications, so we are often left in a quandary. If we are negative about a production, we may not be invited to the next one and yet if we are not honest, we can never hope for any credibility from our readers.

I also worry that if the piece of theatre is of a more intellectual nature, my obvious lack of education might mean my review could be viewed as invalid.

It's hard not to be influenced by other more established critics and to instead remain steadfast in your own opinions, but I feel with my writing, that I'm representing a niche of theatre fans; ordinary people, who make up a large proportion of the theatre viewing public.

Next week, I'm off to another big budget perform-

ance as I head to the London Coliseum to see one of my all time favourite musicals, *Carousel*, which stars Katherine Jenkins and Alfie Boe.

I'm then very excited to be going to an intimate performance by multi Tony Award Winner Audra McDonald at the Leicester Square Theatre. Audra has recently appeared in the film version of *Beauty and the Beast* and will reprise the role of Billie Holiday later this year in the West End production of *Lady Day* at Emerson's Bar and Grill.



■ SHEENA Easton and the company of *42nd Street*.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites [londonnewsonline.co.uk](http://londonnewsonline.co.uk) and [viewnews.co.uk](http://viewnews.co.uk) or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

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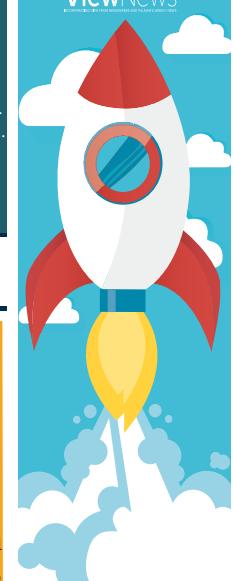
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SYMONDS & Sampson's latest auction on 30th March at Axminster included lots in Devon, Dorset and Somerset with all of the properties selling at figures well in excess of the guide prices.

Partner Ross Willmington said "We started the auction at 2 pm on a perfect spring afternoon, the Guildhall was packed to the rafters with buyers from the local area, all over the UK and even one unsuccessful purchaser who had travelled over 1,000 miles from south west France for one of the lots at Wootton Fitzpaine. Many of the properties hadn't been on the open market for a considerable time and generated a huge amount of interest".

The lot that made the telephone

ring the most was Bowditch Farm Lodge in Membury, a three bedroom timber framed barn conversion in gardens and a small orchard. Guided at £180,000 - £200,000, the bidding started cautiously but ended with the hammer dropping at a superb £310,000 to a very happy local couple. Symonds & Sampson's specialist planning team had assisted the vendors in removing a holiday cottage restriction from the property last year.

Agricultural land remained in strong demand from local farmers and investors, with 48 acres of land at Wootton Fitzpaine averaging £10,500 per acre. The top price was for 10.21 acres with a farm building, achieving £166,000

(£16,258 per acre) to a neighbouring farmer.

Fourways in Alston ended the day on a high - selling for a staggering £570,000, more than £120,000 over the guide of £400,000 - £450,000 and purchased by a couple from Honiton. Fourways was a large house requiring complete renovation set in grounds extending to about 4.40 acres.

Symonds & Sampson's next auction in Axminster is on 15th June and entries are now being taken, with the sale shaping up to be another good catalogue. Please call Ross Willmington or one of his team on 01297 33122 for impartial, professional advice on your property.



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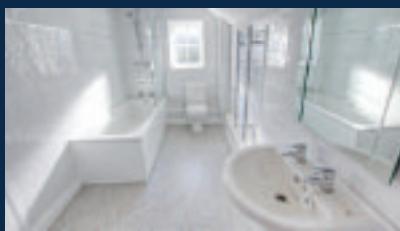
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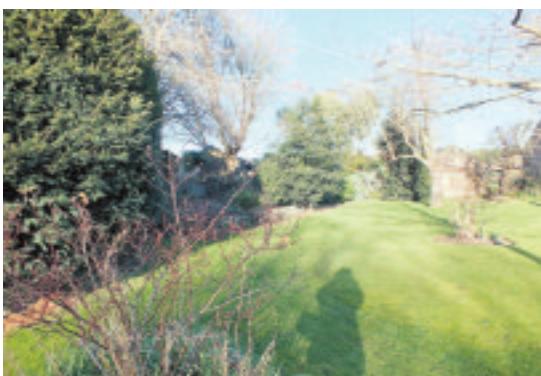
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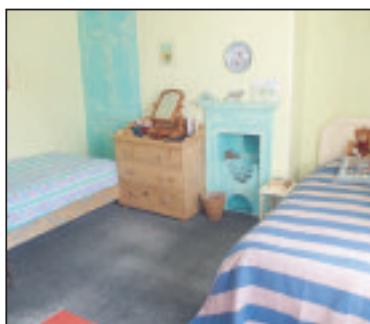
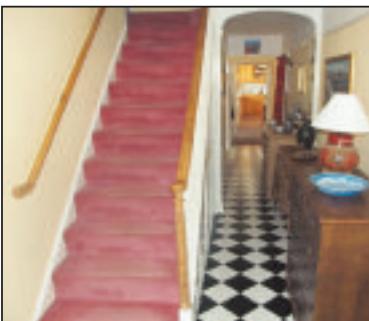


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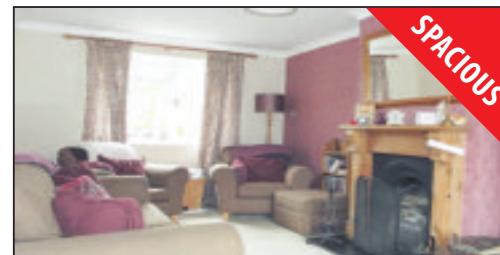
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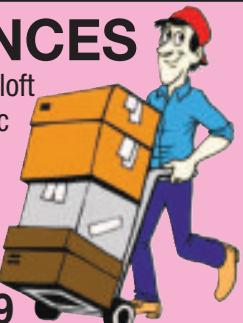
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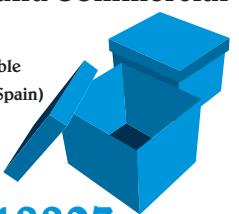
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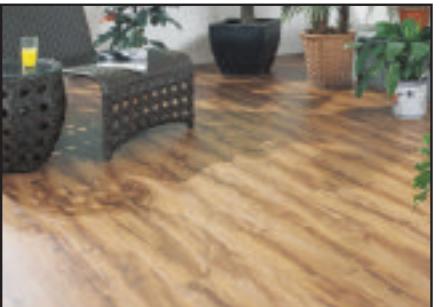
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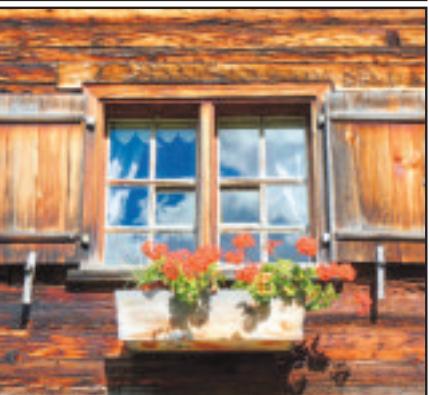
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# New generation Isuzu D-Max

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For the new generation D-Max; the biggest change is under the bonnet. A brand new 1.9 litre turbo diesel engine has been fitted, which produces 164 PS and 360 Nm of torque. The engine builds upon D-Max's workhorse character and retains the 3.5 tonne towing capacity and over 1 tonne payload whilst providing a quieter, more refined and economical driving experience.

Another key benefit is that the new engine meets Euro 6 standards without the need for the addition of AdBlue.

As per previous D-Max models, Shift-On-The-Fly 4x4 is a key feature of the 17MY truck. The rotary dial allows the driver to select four-wheel drive on the move and is also equipped with low range gears.

The range-line up from the much-loved D-Max is retained; Utility, Eiger, Yukon, Utah and Blade with a range of single, extended and double cab variants available.

The entry-level Utility D-Max, priced from £15,749 (CVOTR) comes equipped with LED daytime running lights, Hill Start Assist, Variable Hill Descent Control, Bluetooth® connectivity, power windows and air conditioning.

Eiger double cab (from £20,499 CVOTR) adds a reversing camera, 16-inch alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, audio system with CD player and 6 speakers.

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## Q by Aston Martin: Vanquish S Red Arrows Edition

SPECTACULAR British aviation skills are the inspiration for Aston Martin's latest Q by Aston Martin creation; the Vanquish S Red Arrows edition.

Just ten examples of the Red Arrows inspired cars are being commissioned by Aston Martin Cambridge, each with special design features, hand-crafted interiors and graphic elements that draw on the visual language of aviation, as well as the skill and agility of the RAF's globally acclaimed official aerobatic unit, the Red Arrows.

Founded in 1965, the Red Arrows quickly achieved a reputation for incredible precision and awesome spectacle. Beginning with the Folland Gnat trainer before adopting the iconic BAE Systems Hawk in 1980, the team continues to demonstrate the very best in piloting prowess. The nine pilots of the Red Arrows represent a true team effort, transforming the razor-sharp reactions of fast-jet flying into spectacular displays that have thrilled crowds the world over, from the Goodwood Festival of Speed to important state occasions in the UK and abroad.

The Q by Aston Martin Vanquish S Red Arrows edition is finished in striking Eclat Red, mirroring the instantly familiar

livery of the Hawks and referencing the word 'Eclat,' the Red Arrows' motto.

A host of subtle details enhance the bodywork and interior, from white and blue carbon livery detailing to the white 'smoke trail' feature on the side stroke. An exposed carbon fibre roof panel includes an inlaid 'charge' pattern mimicking the canopy design of a fast jet, while Union Jack enamel wing badges and a titanium exhaust complete the exterior package.

Inside, Red Arrows and RAF inspired details are used throughout, such as the Pinegreen green inserts that evoke the design of the classic flight suit and Martin Baker Ejection Seat fabric, together with the green webbing seatbelts. The signature Red Arrows emblem of nine aircraft in classic 'diamond' formation is embroidered on the seat backs, along with unique sill and engine inspection plaques. The latter will be signed, 1 through 10, by the equivalent number 'Red' pilot in the squadron. The Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team logo is embroidered on the transmission tunnel, and the rear of the cabin is finished in the 2+0 configuration, allowing for rear-mounted stowage of twin racing helmets, both finished in the Red

Arrows livery. The One-77-derived steering wheel is paired with a bespoke centre rotary toggle switch inspired by aviation instrumentation and switchgear, including black/yellow hatched design patterning on seat fold and door pulls. The door cards are embroidered with a graphic of the iconic 'Vixen Break,' a spectacular high-G 9-aircraft formation.

The Vanquish S is a high-performance masterpiece, a fitting culmination to this iconic model's production run. One of the most agile road-going Aston Martins ever built, it delivers muscular performance with a finely grained analogue connection between driver and road. Just as the BAE Systems Hawk communicates every facet of the flying experience to its pilot, the Vanquish S provides a truly visceral drive, making it a perfect match for the spectacularly aerobatic Hawk.

Each Q by Aston Martin Vanquish S Red Arrows owner will receive truly bespoke accessories that could include racing helmets, racing suits, bespoke embroidered bomber jackets and a Vanquish S bespoke luggage set, together with a highly-detailed die-cast 1:18 model of their car and the Hawk aircraft. A specially designed car cover and Build Book

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The Q by Aston Martin Vanquish S Red Arrows edition is the ultimate showcase of how tailor-made design and detailing can shape a truly special automobile. Developed by the designers and craftspeople at Q by

Aston Martin - Commission, the Red Arrows car marks another signature collaboration between Q by Aston Martin and its global dealership network, illustrating how special features and design elements can create authentic, intriguing and highly desirable limited run cars that appeal directly to their customers.

The limited edition is the third Q by Aston Martin - Commission from Aston Martin Cambridge, following on from the success of last year's V12 Vantage S Spitfire 80 Edition, marking 80 years of

the Supermarine Spitfire's first flight, and the earlier Vantage S Blades Edition, developed in collaboration with the Blades Aerobatic Display Team.

The Q by Aston Martin Vanquish S Red Arrows edition was announced at the handover of the former RAF St Athan facility in South Wales, soon to become Aston Martin's second manufacturing site in the UK. Strictly limited to just nine customer cars, Reds 1 through 9 are available to purchase through Aston Martin Cambridge.



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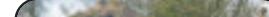
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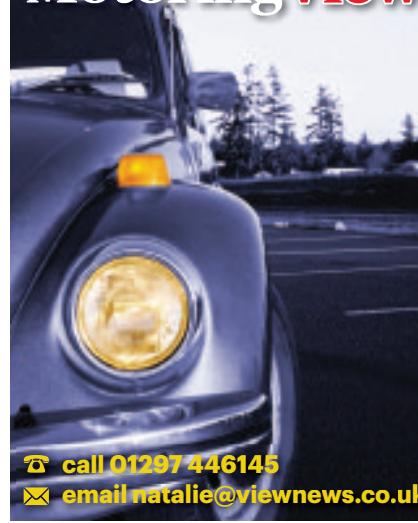
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# Back-to-back aces in the glorious sunshine at Honiton

## CRICKET ST THOMAS with Bert Robinson

THE Seniors held their April individual stableford competition on Monday and the fine weather attracted a field of 55.

Result: Div 1 - 1st David Mugridge (36), 2nd John Wandless (36), 3rd Peter Spencer-Farr (36).

Div 2: 1st Nick Clarke (38), 2nd Alan Davis (35), 3rd Ron Sutherland (34).

A fine spring day last Wednesday attracted 42 players for the Yellow Ball Bowmaker competition.

Most of the fourteen teams managed scores of 100+ with the yellow ball scoring double.

Result: 1st (ocb) Frank Martin; Trevor Dobson & James Siabi 117 points, 2nd Ian Housham; Mick Aldridge & Stuart Forbes 117, 3rd Barrie Heath; Bob White & Richard Hall 114.

On Thursday the Seniors' match team were beaten 4-2 at WHEATHILL.

Results: Alan Chance & Bob Barrow lost by 1 hole, George Wallace & Alan Davis lost 4&2, John Wandless & Roger Davis lost 2&1, Chris Gingell & Nobby Hodder halved, Ian Fielder & Andy Beale won 2&1, Stuart Pope & Barrie Singleton halved.

The Seniors wrapped up the week with a Canadian Green-somes competition with an entry of 26 pairs.

Result: 1st Keith Branchflower & Nick George 65.00, 2nd Nick Clarke & James Siabi 68.50, 3rd

Chris Basterfield & Frank Martin 70.70.

## HONITON with John Pawley

THE Tuesday Mixed last week played a Treble Six with the first six holes played as a better ball, the next six as a greensomes and the final six as a foursomes.

Sue Williams & Ron Graham were victorious with 37 points, followed by Sarah Dawe & Bob Barnes with 34. In third place, with 32 were Hilda Hoepelman & Laurie Tollemache. The final prize was taken by Andrea Squire & John Northover (30) on count-back.

Last Wednesday the Ladies played a 14-hole Bring and Win fun competition. The format was 3BBB Stableford with two scores to count. Some good scores were posted despite the mixed variety of greens presented by the work of the green staff.

The winners were Pam Knibb, Ann Trayling & Gill Johnson with 66 points followed by Sue Ritchie, Anne Davies & Linda McLaughlin (63) and Chris Pearce, Lesley Farley & Jan Lloyd (61).

Afterwards there was a Spring Fair organised by Elizabeth Ward where £102 was raised for the Trip and Honiton Dementia Alliance.

Glorious sunshine continued on Friday, and brought a hole-in-one!

Alex Neil has won two competitions and been cut a strokeine recent weeks – and now he has a hole in one! Playing in the annual Seniors Capt v Vice Captain match he holed tee shot on the 10th.

The match result was a draw with Mike Jones carding a two on the shortened 11th and Paul Ritchie, Tom Tunnicliffe and Roger Matthews on the 2nd.

On Saturday 60 members competed for the Founders Day trophy. The format is a 4BBB with two to score playing to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of their handicap. The winning quartet was Paul Knight, Darren Moore, Olwen Eaton & Gary Stevenson with 83 points.

On Sunday the concluding matches of the Sun am competition were played. In the final Dave Mitchell & Paul Vaughan beat Julian Bacon & Ian Piper with the last putt on the last green. I

In the Plate competition the winners with 44 points were James Spiller & Jason Lovering with Lewis Couch & Elliot Dyer next on 43. Third, on count-back, were Ryan and Gary Sellick with 42 pts. John Fleetwood and Julian Bacon both recorded twos – and for the second day running there was a hole-in-one at the 10th, this time Jason Lovering scoring five points and taking the honours.

The Dartmoor League team went down 3½-1½ at Okehampton in their opening game in the

higher division.

## AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE recent Ladies Centenary competition had to be abandoned at the 11th hole due to thick fog and will be rearranged at a later date.

But the Ladies Devon League team got their season off to a good start in beating TEIGN VALLEY 5-1. The Reserves team was also victorious which led to a 10-point haul with three for Teign Valley.

The Seniors played a Yellow Ball Competition in teams of three with each individual player taking it in turn to play six holes using the yellow ball over 18 holes.

Only the best two scores count and the yellow ball score is doubled. Malcolm Glass (hc20), Mike Jamieson (26) & Pete Motson (h27) emerged as winners with 109 points. Rob Grove (18), Gilbert Cox (19) & Chris Walker (15) were second with 106.

Third place was decided on countback with N. Garwood (16), A. Bishop (23) & R. Orsman (24) just edging out N. Moorcraft (18), B. Cook (23) & B. Thompson (12) after both teams finished on 104.

At least three teams lost their yellow balls which spells instant elimination. Sid pember carded the two.

The Seniors section had a very good turnout with some 40 members playing in the Captain's

Charity Bowl competition. There was a close finish with the winner Adrian Bishop carding 37 points. He was closely followed by Neil Moorcraft (36) and Mike Jamieson (35).

All the players came in to a lovely buffet provided by Linda and her team in the clubhouse. The food and drinks were a wonderful free gesture from long standing member Charles Winterbourne to celebrate his 90th birthday.

Charles was paired with captain Dave Bruce and they both kept a close watch on each other's ball. The combined ages of this last group of four was 312 years.

The Mens section recently played their Winter League round 10, format medal, this was the final round in this series.

In 1st place was Anthony Hellier with a net 67, followed by (on back 9 countback) Tom Spencer (68) and Stuart Mackie (68). Mackie was the worthy overall winner of this series. Alan Kenworthy, Neil Jones, and Anthony Hellier all recorded 2s.

Craig Tivett won the Division One April Medal with a net 67 in second was Paul Clode (71).

Jason Farrant won Division Two with a net 70. In 2nd place (on back nine) was Tom Spencer (71), Andrew Hellier, Paul Clode and Craig Tivett (2) all carded 2s.

The ladies played BIGBURY

away in the Devon League last Tuesday when all the Axe Cliff ladies received shots.

Despite losing the match 3½-2½ away points count and Axe Cliff scored 7% to Bigbury's 7% points.

Last Wednesday brought the CAPTAINS V SECRETARY competition. With four couples in the Clubhouse all square the result all rested on the final match and it was a win for the Secretary Di Roger's team. Wins for the Captains came from, Jo Donmall and Janet Dack and for the winning team - Sandra Walker, Anne Jarvis and Glenda Board.

The first fixture of the Sheelah Creasy competition was held on Friday when Axe Cliff Ladies defeated TIVERTON 4-3.

The Seniors section defeated visitors LONG SUTTON 5½ to a ½.



**■ PUT IT THERE:** Charles Whitbourne (left) and Se-niors' Captain Dave Bruce.

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Div 4; Lamb Shanks 305 (M Pritchard 58) Tuckers Y 297 (L Burrough 60), Kingfisher A 273 (J Skelton 53) Seaton BC 288 (P Grigg 53), Ship Rotary 374 (N Smy 70) Lamb 49s 355.

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Coachmen (at Conservative Club).

Division Two - Ugly Ducklings v Muppets (at King William).

Division Three - Admiral 6 v Willy Low Flyers (at GRC - middle).

**President's Cup Final** - Super Sexy Six v Sports 92 (at the Globe - April 28th).

**President's Plate Final** - Football Club v Asmiral 6 (at the Roayl Oak, Crewkerne - April 28th).

**EAST DEVON HUNT**

**Division One** Pld Pts

Marvels ..... 24 34 Culm Vale ..... 24 32 Ur Arrows ..... 22 26

Blacksmiths ..... 23 26 Honiton Clyst ..... 23 26

Talaton ..... 23 26 Sutton Wanderers ..... 23 24 Foxenhole ..... 24 24

Night Owls ..... 24 23 Auctioneers ..... 24 21 Stags ..... 24 20 Marsh Green ..... 25 20 Sidford ..... 20 12 Upottery ..... 22 10

**Division Two** Pld Pts

Jack's Lads ..... 22 30 Latecomers ..... 22 30 Perkins Village ..... 22 29

Keepers ..... 22 28 Zulu Warriors ..... 22 27

A Team ..... 22 26 Cocks & Hens ..... 22 22 Top Cats ..... 22 19

Tuckers Arms ..... 23 23 Seaton FC ..... 23 23 Thorncome B ..... 23 19 Colcombe Angels ..... 23 17

Axe Inn Allsorts ..... 23 14 Red Lion Rabble ..... 23 10

**starter's orders** running news

# Phew! Local runners toil in sun kissed weekend

## Axe Valley Runners

with Dave Mutter

THE new summer route at SEATON PARKRUN includes a beach start and about 30m extra pebble running so all the more impressive that there were four AVR's who achieved new PBs this week: Chris Hill (24:55), Suzy Eul-Brown (27:30), Diane Newton (32:25) 1st M75-69 and Mike Venn (32:45) 1st M75-79. First to finish in his first parkrun was James Green in 17:24.

Meanwhile Carol Austin took the opportunity for some parkrun tourism at HOVE PROMENADE PARKRUN and was pleased to finish in 22:58 (78% age grade) and first W55-59.

David Cooke contested his first proper 400m for 10 years at the YEOVIL OLYMPIADS OPEN, recording 71.20s (V60).

Nearly 50 members ran in the SENIOR APRIL HANDICAP that was won by Dave Mutter in 32:02, just pipping Ian Clements, 25:36 with David Cooke 3rd, 27:03; Kelly Stamp (who ran all the Exe to Axe the day before) 4th, 27:01 and Fran Hodson 5th, 26:12. David Cooke leads the rankings with 82 points with Kelly Stamp 2nd, 78 and Fran Hodson 3rd, 64.

Roger Bramley ran in the recent ROME MARATHON when torrential rain and thunderstorms presented a challenge, but Roger negotiated the wet cobbled streets to finish in 3:55:20, 5,398th out of 13,375 finishers.

There was a strong turnout of 18 Axe Valley Runners in the annual EXE TO THE AXE race along 22 miles of the coastal path on. The race, which started in Exmouth, was very well organised by Sidmouth Running Club and the new finish by Axmouth Yacht Club in Seaton proved a successful meeting place for the 222 runners.

Matt Clist was the first AVR home in 3:19:05 (10th overall). Chris Perry was second AVR home in 3:28:19 (20th overall) and also won the trophy for first M40. Eleanor Wood was the first AVR woman home in 4:05:30 (72nd overall) and won a trophy for the first W60. Following hot on her heels were Simon Davey 77th, Stephen Grigg 78th, Justin Sloman 86th, Tim Sibley 92nd and Kelly Stamp 128th.

AVR also fielded three relay teams who came in fourth, fifth and eighth of the nine teams. The Devon Dollop team of Ian Hemmings, Kevin Feeney, Sarah Shepley & Susie Harris, just pipped fifth placed, Book Time of Carol Austin, Alex Boon & Janet Woodward by 17 seconds. AVR's Bags of Time of Amy Catley, Sarah Herfet, Georgia Dommett & Rob Kerr finished eighth.

There was a bumper contingent of AVR's at the HONITON HIPPO on Sunday. The race is advertised as being a tough multi-terrain race with seven miles of 'mud, sweat and tears' and it certainly didn't fail to deliver again this year in the April heat.

First home in the main race was AVR's Jake Smith who smashed the course record finishing in 47:25. Tim Lenton was 3rd overall and first M40 in 52:45, followed by Chris Perry 6th in 54:55. Matt Hewer was next in for AVR, 11th in 56:53; Karl Hodson 14th, 58:10; Chris Keefe 24th, 1:02:37 and Jon Day 30th, 1:04:13.

The first AVR lady home was Eleanor Wood 42nd in 1:06:17 (1st FV55), followed by Mike Clark 43rd, 1:06:34; Simon Davey 45th, 1:06:57; Karen Eyre 52nd, 1:08:19 (1st FV45); Fran Hodson 62nd, 1:11:07 (1st FV55); Sue Hayes 64th, 1:11:42; Molly Smith 65th, 1:11:47; Tony Smith 66th, 1:11:47; Andy Sayers 91st, 1:18:27; Georgia Dommett 93rd, 1:18:43; Anders Larsson 103rd, 1:21:20; Laura Kerr 129th, 1:29:18; Steven Lewis 130th, 1:29:29; Amy Catley 184th, 1:40:59; Samantha Tooze 186th, 1:41:31; Bec Davey 187th, 1:41:32; Emma Grigg 188th, 1:41:33; Rachel Grant 189th, 1:41:48; Gill Day 194th, 1:42:58 and Emma Richardson 195th, 1:43:12. There were 234 finishers overall.

In the shorter Hippo Calf, Caitlin Smith was the first AVR runner home and first girl, 3rd overall in 11:45. Tom Perry was just behind in 4th spot (3rd boy) in 12:03, Harry McMahon 14th, 13:29 and Ben Perry 17th, 13:43. There were 53 finishers.

**Chard RR with Paul Masters**  
CRR's took on the TAUNTON HALF

**MARATHON.** Wayne Loveridge crossed the line in 01:15:25 6/1000, Kenny Timson 01:22:57 PB 28th, Martin Holley 01:27:49 PB 54th, Andrew Leeson 01:28:46 67th, Nina Wagstaff 3rd in Cat 01:30:01 82nd, James Wagstaff 01:35:02 122nd Ryan Hebron-Wheatley 01:38:34 157th, Jamie Gibbons 01:39:43 184th, Adrian Male 01:40:21 185th, Stevie Potter 01:40:28 187th, Darren Murphy 01:54:07 412th, Neil Adams 01:56:53 457th, James Musselwhite 01:58:16 508th, Emma Male 01:59:46 526th, Helen Baxter 02:23:11 830th, Mel Boarder 02:26:14 848th, Liz Smith 02:29:19 880th, Miranda Coleberd 02:36:41 914th.

**Honiton RC with Judy Davey**  
LAST Sunday, Honiton Running Club held its HIPPO and HIPPO CALF in the hottest weather conditions the race has experienced in its history.

This race is just over seven miles long and involves plenty of variety.

The race was won by Jake Smith of Axe Valley Runners in 47 minutes 25 and the first lady home was Emma Sharples of South West Road Runners who finished in 57:16.

Many Honiton RC members were involved in helping or marshalling but quite a few took part with the first back being Will Daly who came 16th in 59:12. Sherrie Hair was the first lady HRC runner finishing 25th in 1:02:43.

Other Honiton finishers were: 47th Hadleigh Davies 1:07:40, 54th Stephen

Boyes 1:09:11, 55th Jo Davey 1:09:28, 58th Sam Pollard 1:09:59, 83rd Nicola Greenland 1:16:16, 96th Shane Hudd 1:19:05, 110th Lex Turnham 1:25:02, 117th Katherine Tomkins 1:26:04, 127th Michela Hudd 1:28:08, 133rd Carol Turnham 1:30:38, 146th Vanessa Knowles, Michelle Selley and Anna Dalzell all 1:33:28, 153rd Teresa Pollard 1:34:12 and 166th Geri Terry 1:36:58. There were 233 finishers.

The Calf is open to youngsters of nine years and over and is approximately 1 1/4 miles in length. HRC's George Tomkins won it in 11:05 and Axe Valley Runners' Caitlin Smith was first girl back in 3rd place overall in 11:45. HRC's Jemima Daly was 3rd girl home. There were 52 finishers. The first primary school team home was Upottery.

Meanwhile, Honiton Running Club members recently took on the 21-mile EXE TO AXE race which takes runners from Exmouth sea front through Budleigh Salterton, Sidmouth, Branscombe and finishes in Seaton.

Alasdair Moffett led HRC home to come 19th in 3 hours 26 minutes and he was followed by Steve Davey who came 47th in 3:49. Paula Ferris was the first of the HRC ladies back coming 129th in 4:38. Richard Terry came next 132nd in 4:43 and Tim Wigram followed soon after coming 137th in 4:45. Clare Melbourne came 169th in 5:07 while Sharon Wells came 176th in 5:12.

*See more at [www.viewnews.co.uk](http://www.viewnews.co.uk)*

## darts chard & district

Premier Division	Pld	Pts	Pig Jockeys	15	135
High 4 & a Half	14	273	Cult of Personality	15	127
Rejects Return	13	240	Pirates	16	120
Wanderers	13	184	Nice Ricks	15	104
BDBs	13	162	Most 180s	A.Sharp 4,	
Crusaders	13	176	S.Castle, S.Davis & M.Bal-		
Hobnobs	14	162	lance 2, 16 players xl.		
Hopefuls	13	123			
Happy Sharks	13	120			
Most 180s	L.Cox 10,				
P.Lawrence 9, G.Hill 6, S.					
Mainwaring 4, S.Rutter 3,					
K.Spurde & L.Roper 3, eight					
players 2, 12 players 1.					
Division One	Pld	Pts	Division Two	Pld	Pts
Okey Doaks	15	189	HRT	13	164
Random Tossers	15	171	Madhouse Crew	14	163
Pop Darts	15	165	Stumpy's Gang	13	148
Down's	15	154	Happy Days	14	142
PAs	15	147	Dizzy Tarts	13	135
			The Haymaker	13	94
			No skill, just lucky	13	86
			Two minute crew	13	83
			Most 180s	D.Mears 2,	
			A.Pidgeon, A.Mather,		
			B.Allen, R.Davies A.Sprake		
			& K.Tovey all xl.		

## snooker seaton & district

**TC's target** runners up spot

RESULTS (April 4th)  
Chard Casuals 3+2  
Colyton TC 3+0, Honiton WMC 0+0 Colyton Feds 6+0, Sidmouth Cons 0+0 Honiton Wonderers 6+0.

Colyton Feds won all six frames at Honiton, but they still did not gain any ground on Wonderers who are

champions for another season.

The battle for the runners-up spot in both the league and the Bruce Miller Cup is much more interesting, the favourites for the league spot being Colyton TC whilst for the cup it is probably Chard Casuals

League table

Wonders	Pld	Pts
Wonders (C...)	17	94
Colyton TC	16	50
Colyton Feds	16	44
Chard Casuals	16	43
Colyton ExCons	16	38
Sidmouth Cons	17	33
Honiton WMC	16	29

## cribbage news

### HONITON

#### RESULTS

#### KO Cup Semi-Finals;

(agg score)

Honiton Inn B (2+7) 9

New Fountain (6+1) 7,

Vine Inn B (2+5) 7

Vine Inn A (6+3) 9.

#### Dan Downs Plate

#### Semi-Finals;

Feniton Soc B 11 Workingmen's A 13, Workingmen's B 12 Blacksmith Arms 13.

## Fixtures

#### April 13th: Doubles Competition

to be held at the Vine Inn

(7.30pm start).

#### April 20th: KO Cup Final

first leg - Honiton

Inn B v Vine Inn A

(at the Vine Inn),

#### Dan Down Plate

#### Final - Blacksmiths

Arms v Workingmen's Club A.

#### April 27th: KO Cup Final

second leg -

Vine Inn A v Honiton Inn B.

## scrum down chard rugby

# Traffic hold up causes fixture headache

WITH Glyn Hughes

### Okehampton P-P Chard

#### South West One

WITH a large crowd looking forward to this game and both teams ready for action the match had to be called off because traffic issues caused by a major incident on the M5 prevented the referee from getting to the ground.

In theory the game should now be played next Saturday.

But this would be very problematic for Okehampton because of an already arranged big junior tournament at the club on that day and the Clubs 1st xv are due to play a big Devon cup match on the Sunday.

Chard await a ruling from the SWRFU. Information will be on the club website as soon as a decision is made.

### Chard 2nd xv 49 Yeovil 2nd xv 5 Somerset Two South

LAST Wednesday night's game attracted a crowd of over 200 and, despite the score line the game was

much closer than it looks.

The main difference was that Chard scored virtually every time they had an opportunity and young fullback Cam Helliar had a dream evening converting all seven tries scored by Chard.

Chard were much the better side in the first half but Yeovil matched them in the second period and scored a deserved try when Shaun Fellows went over.

Jack Elliot scored Chard's only second half try. Billy Biss, skipper Billy Brookes, hooker Joel Nicholls were among the Chard try scorers in the opening half.

Taunton pulled things back with a penalty goal and two tries one of which was converted.

### Chard Colts 29 Taunton 37

#### Somerset League

LEAGUE leaders Taunton clinched the league title but not before they were given a fright by the home team who scored in the opening minute when Niall Crouch crashed over.

Taunton pulled things back with a

converted try when Emile Szelko scored in the corner and Crouch converted.

Taunton then got another converted score and led 12-22 at the break.

Alex Hill scored a fine third try for Chard when he finished off a fantastic team move. Two more tries from Ben Fenton and then Joe Mainwaring completed the scoring for Chard but on the night Taunton were the stronger team and further scores gave them victory by 29-37.

### Chard 3rd 5 Yatton 3rd 32

#### Somerset Div Three South

YATTON were able to bolster their 3rd xv with quite a few of their colts squad.

This pacy, but raw, talent would prove to be decisive, particularly on the hottest day of the year, against a Chard side who had already lost some of its players to the 2nd xv.

Chard started well enough but Yatton were first on the score sheet with a converted try and a penalty goal.

## jack high bowls news and round-up

# Chard up and rolling

### CHARD with Peter Avery

CHARD SMB played a friendly against CREWERNE last week and won one of the four games but went down 51-30 overall.

Details: Dot Ducker, Rosie Barnard & Roy Vaux 11-10; Margaret Flynn, Vic Barnard & Bill Hucker 9-14; Sheila Tinley, Gillian Leighton & Roy Vaux 8-11; Jenny Cornelius, Phil Stringer & Ena Stringer 2-16.

Chard opened its outdoor green last Saturday in bright sunshine when 27 bowlers took part in the early season challenge of trying to reach the jack. David Lawrence won the traditional 'spider', Vic Barnard had the best score among the men and Kay Avery was the leading lady while wooden spoons were presented to John Fenwick and Lynn Beale. Our first fixture is a home game against Wellington on April 23rd.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Lawn Bowls is welcome to come along or they can attend any of the free open evenings being held on Wednesday, April 26th and Wednesday, May 3rd at 6pm.

Bring a pair of flat soled shoes or



■ TOP TWO: Sandra Dickie and Keith Bunkin centre) receive the Pairs Trophy at South Petherton's Short Mat Finals Day.

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## Inside...

### Rugby

NO REF, NO GAME! Chard's match at Okehampton on Saturday was postponed when the referee was held up in traffic.

### Bowls

CHARD TOWN season underway in bright sunshine.

### Football

CHARD TOWN slump to home defeat.



■ **EARLY BATH:**  
Keeper Jon Hill's red card left Chard Town with 10-men for 70 minutes against Devizes.

# Danger signals loom large for nervy Glovers

**Portsmouth 3 Yeovil Town 1**  
SkyBet Division Two - att: 17,564

Yeovil Town slipped deeper into relegation danger with defeat at Fratton Park on Saturday.

The defeat against promotion hopefuls Pompey has seen the Glovers slip to 20th in League 2, and with second bottom Newport County's 1-0 victory at Exeter City it means there is only a seven point gap between the two teams.

This makes Good Friday's clash in Wales a real "six-pointer". Victory for the hosts will put them just four points behind Yeovil, with four games remaining.

If statistics are anything to go by, then the Glovers are in trouble.

The Exiles have hit a patch of reasonable form recently and collected ten points in their last five games and only one loss.

Yeovil meanwhile have only scored one victory in their last dozen games and only two in 22 games since the beginning of December, accumulating just eighteen points.

Manager Darren Way shuffled his pack and gave first league starts to Tom James in the centre of defence, and Brandon Goodship up front.

He also welcomed back Otis Khan sidelined after three months with an ankle ligament injury on the bench alongside Nathan Smith, who has been out with a knee injury.

Tom Eaves header flicked the crossbar early on before Liam Shepherd had to clear Matt Clarke's

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header off the line soon after.

Pompey took the lead after 14 minutes from the penalty spot after Bevis Mugabi dwelt too long on making his clearance and chopped down Gary Roberts with his attempted



■ **BAKER'S DOZEN:** Top scorer Francois Zoko's 13th goal of the season couldn't save Yeovil Town.

clearance, who had come from the side to challenge him.

The hosts, who had missed their previous five penalties at Fratton Park, breathed a sigh of relief as Gareth Evans made no mistake from the spot, sending Artur Krysiak the wrong way.

Roberts almost added another when his shot looped up off Mugabi, but with Krysiak stranded, the ball struck the post and bounced to safety. Mugabi then went down the other end and was close with a header from Matt Dolan's corner that flew wide.

### Equaliser

Yeovil started the better in the second half, and six minutes in Pompey keeper David Forde and defender Enda Stevens got in a pickle under pressure from Francois Zoko, and the ball looped up and into the net with the Glovers' striker claiming the last touch.

Stung by this, Portsmouth upped their game and, despite the introduction of Smith into the heart of the Yeovil defence, they retook the lead on 68 minutes when a good move down the left saw Stevens cut the ball the ball back to Kai Naismith who beat Krysiak at his near post.

They settled the game 10 minutes later when sub Jamal Lowe shrugged off a weak challenge from James as he cut in from the right before beating Krysiak from the tightest of angles.

Way had nothing new to say in his post match interview. He must now try to lift his charges before they visit Rodney Parade on Good Friday.

A win would almost certainly see them safe. A draw would be acceptable, but defeat will certainly set the nerves jangling.



## Glovers by numbers

Sky Bet League Div Two (46)	Pl	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Doncaster Rovers (P) .....	41	25	9	7	81	46	35	84
Plymouth Argyle .....	41	24	6	11	61	42	19	78
Portsmouth .....	41	22	8	11	66	36	30	74
Luton Town .....	41	17	15	9	58	37	21	66
Stevenage .....	41	20	5	16	65	56	9	65
Exeter City .....	41	18	8	15	65	49	16	62
Carlisle United .....	41	16	14	11	59	60	-1	62
Blackpool .....	41	15	15	11	62	44	18	60
Cambridge United .....	41	17	9	15	53	45	8	60
Colchester United .....	41	17	9	15	60	54	6	60
Wycombe Wanderers .....	41	16	11	14	52	50	2	59
Accrington Stanley .....	41	15	13	13	54	51	3	58
Mansfield Town .....	41	15	13	13	49	46	3	58
Grimsby Town .....	41	15	10	16	50	54	-4	55
Notts County .....	41	15	7	19	48	67	-19	52
Barnet .....	41	12	15	14	50	55	-5	51
Crewe Alexandra .....	41	12	12	17	48	59	-11	48
Crawley Town .....	41	13	9	19	48	63	-15	48
Morecambe .....	41	13	8	20	48	65	-17	47
<b>YEOVIL TOWN .....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>46</b>
Cheltenham Town .....	41	10	13	18	45	59	-12	43
Hartpool United .....	41	10	12	19	50	68	-18	42
Newport County .....	41	9	12	20	45	64	-19	39
Leyton Orient .....	41	9	5	27	41	75	-34	32

### Top scorers (all comps)

1. Francis Zoko .....	13
2. F.Zoko .....	23
2= Tom Eaves .....	7
2= Otis Khan .....	21
4. M.Dolan .....	14

### Assists

1. Matt Dolan .....	7
2. Ben Whitfield .....	6
3= Otis Khan .....	4
3= Kevin Dawson .....	4
4= Alex Lacey .....	42
5. Liam Shephard .....	41

### Appearances

1. Tom Eaves .....	47
2= Kevin Dawson .....	45
2= Artur Krysiak .....	45
4= Matt Dolan .....	42
4= Alex Lacey .....	42
5. Liam Shephard .....	41

### Shots

1. Tom Eaves .....	47
2= Kevin Dawson .....	45
2= Artur Krysiak .....	45
4= Matt Dolan .....	42
4= Alex Lacey .....	42
5. Liam Shephard .....	41

### Upcoming Fixtures

Friday, April 14th - A v Newport County (3pm)	Sky Bet D2
Monday, April 17th H v CREWE ALEXANDRA (3pm)	Sky Bet D2
Saturday, April 22nd - A v Grimsby (3pm)	Sky Bet D2
Saturday, April 29th - A v Stevenage (3pm)	Sky Bet D2
Saturday, May 6th - A v Colchester (5.30pm)	Sky Bet D2

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